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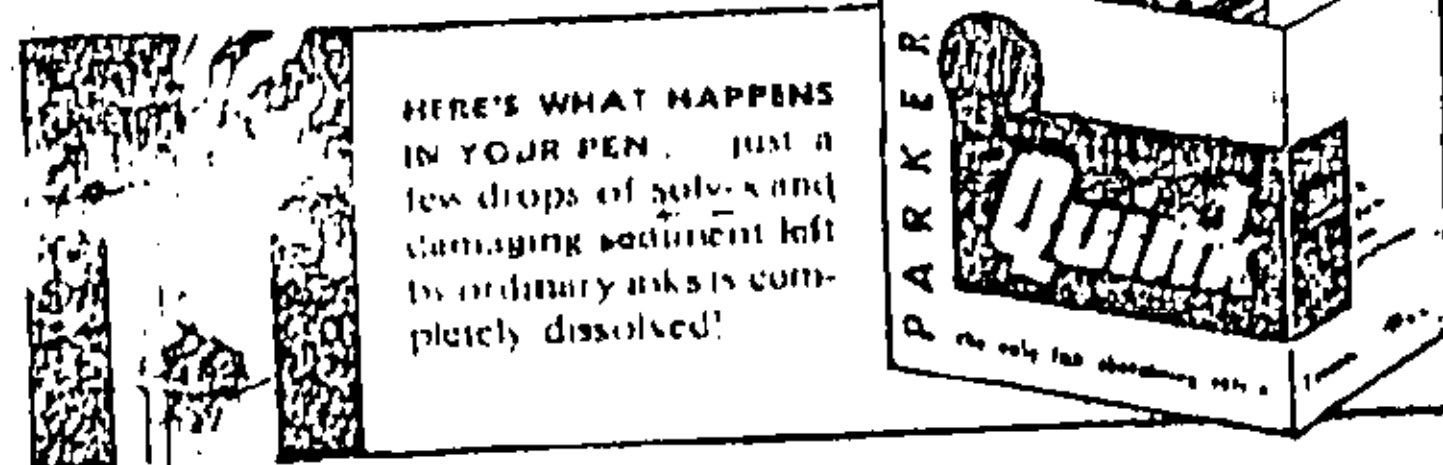
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ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL POWER COMPANY

A net profit of HK\$4,923,574 for the year ended September 30, 1949, was announced at the twenty-seventh annual general meeting of the China Light and Power Company, Limited yesterday.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie, the Chairman, told shareholders that the year had been marked by steady progress in the expansion programme of the Company's plant and distribution system, to the extent that they did not have now to refuse supply to any consumer.

Continuing Mr. Kadoorie said:

"Work has proceeded smoothly in all spheres of the Company's activities and we may look back with great satisfaction on the year's accomplishment."

"Headway has been made with the reconstruction of our buildings and plant, but much still remains to be done."

"A considerable amount of maintenance work to our machinery was undertaken, and as a result of the continued and careful attention given, there is no doubt that the efficiency of the plant is at a high standard."

"The new No. 6 turbine referred to in last year's Report has given complete satisfaction in operation, and the Station capacity is now 50,000 kilowatts."

"Owing to the shipping strike in England, and the failure of certain manufacturers to live up to the promised delivery dates, the No. 13 Boiler is not yet completed. We are doing everything in our power to get this boiler into commission at the earliest possible date."

New Units

"In view of the rapid growth of the Company's load, orders for a further 20,000 kilowatt high pressure turbine and a 200,000 lb. boiler have been placed."

"We have concluded contracts for this plant which will provide for delivery approximately 18 months after the time we had originally expected."

"The continued operation of the Company's existing boiler plant at all times has been entirely satisfactory."

"The Chairman last year reported on the vast amount of work which had devolved on the Distribution Department by virtue of the Company's growth and of the necessity to replace obsolete plants and plant."

"Our plans, made in the light of the demand of new industries, were found sufficiently elastic to cope with any amendment necessary. The new cotton-spinning industry in Kowloon is now a completed fact and your Company will undoubtedly share in its prosperity and other industries will bring to the Company a new lease of life."

"We have continued to give technical advice where requested by consumers, and numerous expressions of appreciation have been received for the help we have been able to render."

"Our new sub-stations at T. Kwa Wan and Prince Edward Road are now in operation, and have resulted in a more efficient supply to the areas concerned. Further new sub-stations are planned which are necessary to deal with the growth and modification of the Company's load."

"The year under review has seen extremely satisfactory progress in the Distribution expansion programme which was outlined last year, although there is still much to be done. The completion of the present programme will only be a precursor to a further programme to deal with developments taking place now and at future dates."

Street Lighting

"The year has seen progress in connection with the change of frequency for the Hong Kong and Whampoa Distribution Company's lighting. The change-over was completed only when the heavy electrical plant ordered for the purpose arrived in this Colony."

"A considerable amount of work has been carried out in connection with the installation of new street lighting in the New Territories. The whole of the 'Yan-ni' area from sea to electric lighting."

"We may feel satisfied with the progress of the Distribution Department, particularly when the heavy demands of the New Territories and of the large industrial areas in the vicinity of Tsun Wan, are taken into consideration. In the light of these latter commitments it has been necessary to duplicate the Company's electrical installation like that in the New Territories."

"The meter section of the Distribution Department has been working at top pressure throughout the year dealing with the steadily increasing number of electricity consumers, while still maintaining its vigilance to prevent thefts of current and other similar acts to defraud the Company."

"The difficulties appertaining to the supply of meters which were mentioned last year, have now been eradicated and the situation is satisfactory."

"As soon as the Company's new store building was completed, it was requisitioned by the Military Authorities for use as a R.E.M.E. Workshop. It is hoped it will be returned shortly."

Rates Reduction

"During the year your Board again found it possible to reduce the rates. Between May 1947 and July 1949 the Company had the pleasure of making seven reductions with the following effect:—

Lighting from 11.20 cents to 25 cents, Power from 27.72 cents to 16 cents, with appropriate reductions on bulk rate contracts and to consumers in the New Territories."

"We shall continue the policy of price reduction as far as circumstances permit, and with due regard to the legitimate interests of our shareholders, in order to make our maximum contribution as utility companies towards the reduction of the high cost of living in the Colony."

"Three hundred and seventy-eight factories were connected to the Company's mains, against which 126 factories closed down, mainly through changes in location or change in ownership, which leaves a net total of 252 new factories connected."

"The number of consumers again shows an increase, and a September 30 was some 5,000 more than the previous year."

Ordinance Extended

The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance will be extended for a further term of 12 months. The necessary resolution will be introduced at Wednesday's Legislative Council meeting.

It is also proposed to extend the Illegal Strikes and Lock-outs Ordinance for a further year.

At the same meeting the new by-laws governing swimming pools and baths will be introduced for approval.

"Our gross profit has grown by some 20% although the Capital employed in the business exceeds last year's figure by 40%. This is due to the fact that reductions in rates have been granted to the Company's consumers during the year."

The billings for the year ended September 30, 1949, was \$801,050. After making full consideration of the credit balance of the bill and less account amounting to \$4,923,574, and making due allowance for the appropriation of \$1,807,425 in respect of the interim dividend of 40 cents per share, less tax, and a final dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 10th January 1950, there is a balance available of \$3,367,207. I now take pleasure in proposing that the interim dividend of 40 cents per share, less tax, be sanctioned and that the balance available be dealt with in the following manner:—To pay a final dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 10th January 1950, and a proportionate amount of partly-paid shares, less the deductible under the Income Tax Ordinance of 1947 amounting to \$3,427,077. The carry forward to next year's account \$916,530."

Remarks By Shareholder

The report and accounts, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. G. E. Marden, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Marden said a great public utility such as China Light, serving an ever-growing and developing industrial area, owed a duty to the whole community as less than to its consumers and its members that duty has been done to the full.

Sir Mun-kam Lo, and Mr. H. D. Benham, the two retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board. Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company and Messrs. Love Bland and Partners were re-appointed auditors.

At an extraordinary general meeting held immediately afterwards, a resolution was passed altering Article 89 of the Company's Articles of Association, the effect of which was to increase the amount of Directors' fees to HK\$50,000 a year.

The Chairman said the amount payable since 1932 had been \$23,000 a year, and in view of the vast change in values since then, a revision was considered to be not unreasonable.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Horace Kadoorie, (Chairman), Sir Mun-kam Lo and Mr. H. D. Benham (Directors), Mr. F. C. Clemo, (Manager), Mr. E. Wood, (Deputy Manager), Mr. E. W. Wood, (Secretary and Chief Accountant), Messrs. J. H. Shaw, and J. V. Brogan (Asst. Secretaries) and Messrs. J. Grant, To Tai-tim, Lo Yiu, P. Laurens, G. E. Marden (also representing Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company), Mr. C. L. and Mr. R. B. Reid, (Trust Co. Ltd.), R. P. Luk, C. D. Slade (representing H.K. Bank Trustees Ltd.), P. H. Sin, R. Sousa, Sooi Pui-chen, Woo Chi-ding, Z. D. Woo, Young Wah-yang, Yue Un-ick and Fung Manter (Shareholders).

Personalia

Dr. Emil Mrs. Ernest To and their three children, Rosemary, Vivian and Frederick, arrived yesterday morning after touring the world for almost five months. They left Hong Kong in July and visited the United States, England, France, Austria, Switzerland and Italy before returning here via Philippine Air Lines.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Miss Bjorn-Larsen, Messrs. Wolf Lyberg, E. Eskilsson, H. Ironholm, A. Hult, J. Wiklund, M. Martensson, A. Jantlin, and H. Wallin.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Miss V. Willett, Miss Horatia Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. E. T. R. Mitchell, Messrs. A. Storrer, R. H. Ell, G. E. Kohler, G. B. King, and E. Tomlinson.

Mr. E. Angd and Mr. Toan Hing-wen left Hong Kong for Hanoi yesterday by Air France.

The Reverend Fr. Andrew Malpas, Coadjutor of Echnard, Messrs. S. Cooley Pao, Xi-an and William Yu left for Kunming yesterday by Air France.

Passengers who left Hong Kong by the m.s. "Tiladanga" for Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia yesterday included Mr. O. G. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Hankson, Mrs. Tsing Chia-unk, Mr. Tsung Teng-shung and Mr. A.C.L.M. Kynmell.

Mr. L. J. Brannagan, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. F. Shubert, Miss Ulyatt, Mr. R. R. Ransome, Mr. J. A. Easton, Mr. Lun Sak-ko, Mr. Fung Chin-yuen and Mrs. Calder left for Singapore by BOAC yesterday.

Concerts To Be Given Today

Two concerts will be given today by the Band of the 1st Battalion The Buffs.

The first will be an open-air concert at the Botanical Gardens, starting at 3 p.m. This will become a regular feature provided sufficient interest is shown by the public.

At 8 p.m., the Band will play a programme of music at St. John's Cathedral.

The programme will include March "Militaire No. 3" (Schubert), Air on G String (Bach), "Andante con moto" (2nd Movement) from 5th Symphony (Beethoven), Minuet (Händel), Clarinet Concerto (Weber) (Soloist: Lance Corporal F. Weatherall), Andante Cantabile (Chopin), and Solenne March (Wagner) and Davies.

The Conductor will be Mr. W. B. Foster, ABGM.

LABOUR MEETING THIS EVENING

More than 1,000 members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Federation, and the pro-Felting Government elements of the China Federation of Labour Unions, Central Air Transportation Corporation, and National Resources Commission will meet at a tea party given by the latter at 351, Portland Street, this evening.

According to an official of CNAC, the party was planned to show appreciation from CNAC, CATEC and NRC to the members of the Labour Union who, he said, had given moral support to the pro-Felting Government members of the aviation companies and NRC work in the next few months.

GENERAL MEETING OF STAGE GROUP

A general meeting of the Garrison Players is being held at the Families Club, Victoria Barracks, on Tuesday, December 4, at 7.45 p.m.

Members of the group are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the presence of three committee members, one radio member, a business manager, and a property member.

Members of all the Societies are cordially invited to attend the meeting, which is needed to fulfill the programme of stage and radio work in the next few months.

'Pause That Refreshes' Survives Fire

The roaring fire which gutted the ground floor and second floor of 79 Austin Road in the small hours of yesterday morning—providing spectators with the first excitement of this kind in many months, left some half-bottles of Coca Cola in a damaged refrigerator as the only probable intact articles in the second floor.

A humorous touch to the spectacle occurred during the fire-fighting, when a pressure hose being handled on one of the fire appliances went awry and sent a fire-fighter literally head over heels across the road with a full blast of water.

Fortunately, the fire alarm was given in time to the occupants of the house, who without much hesitation rushed straight out of bed into the night. The fire, which is said to have begun when a lighted candle fell among some papers and calloused articles in the ground floor, destroyed practically every piece of wooden furniture on the floors concerned.

Yesterday, some of the former inmates went about the charred and blackened debris in the hope of finding something of value.

Yesterday's fire gave the Kowloon Fire Brigade a chance to demonstrate the result of rigorous training, with which they occupied themselves many a morning at the "Tactical Fire Brigade ground" during the past month.

In spite of the current winter restrictions, the fire was put under control within 30 minutes of its start. With their efficient action, the fire-fighters, under the direction of the Assistant Officer V. C. Seymour and Station Officer Shipway, were able to prevent the fire from reaching the adjacent buildings, although roaring tongues of flames at times dangerously shot high up into the sky, the street, showering the immediate vicinity with embers all the time.

'Rose Day' To Be Held Tomorrow

Tomorrow as office workers wind their way to office they will meet at every street corner and other vantage points, flower sellers, school girls and their older sisters—carrying baskets of flowers and collecting tins.

There will be the rose girls of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as tomorrow will be "Rose Day," the Society's annual appeal to the generosity of the public of Hong Kong.

The Society, established in Hong Kong in 1883, is one of the Colony's oldest charitable organizations.

Its chief work is the relief of the needs of the poor in their homes—irrespective of race or creed—and the education of poor children.

During the year ended September 30, pecuniary resources granted to the poor in their homes aggregated \$70,823, and expenditure on the education of poor children (school, fees and books) amounted to \$14,000.

With annual incidental charges the Society's expenditure on charitable works during the year totalled \$84,823. There are no administration expenses, as all work is done voluntarily.

"Rose Day" is the Society's main source of income to provide for the carrying on of its meritorious works of Christian charity during the coming year.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Because of the record number of paintings entered for the second annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club, it was not possible to hold the usual monthly show for the public during November.

The exhibition will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall, and will be open to the public on December 14 and 15.

WEDDING

Miss Paces, gynaecologist of Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Sybil Eugenia Higgs, school teacher, of Diocesan Girls' School, were married at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry Office, yesterday, in the presence of Miss A. W. Hurrell, headmistress of the D. G. S. and J. F. Gross.

CONCERT

A musical concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include "The Merry Widow" by Strauss (Nicolai), Quintet in A Major (Mozart), "When Sleep Comes" and "And of the Clouds" (Schubert), and "Symphony No. 9 in C Major" (Schubert).

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

The Spirit Of St. Andrew

Sir,—A pleasant Friday evening wireless programme was further enhanced by a voice which my wife and I were certain was addressing the listening audience in one of the many known Scottish dialects. However, for some moments we deciphered the voice as belonging to the Colony's leading announcer, and acknowledged expert on sporting matters.

We have heard it whispered that the spirit of Saint Andrew burns in many a Sassenach breast, and we decided, rightly or wrongly, that our favourite announcer had succumbed to that cheerful Saint's influence.

Be that as it may, his witty, lively, little number by "Baron" was little short of masterly, and must surely have earned him the plaudits of his large following.

Hall Caledonia!

THE LISTENER.

It's quite funny but we also heard strange sounds from more than one station on the night of St. Andrew—and not on this anniversary alone—and then filled the mischief-making glass again!

—Ed.

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Broadcast Of Mr. Cassidy Over Radio Hong Kong

Newspapers in Britain as a whole are of little help to anyone on home leave from Hong Kong, said Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, in a broadcast last night.

He was commenting on the lack of full information on developments in the Far East which, he said, businessmen with Far East connections are anxious to obtain.

Other criticisms regarding the British National Press were that the newspapers had deteriorated from what had never been a high standard. He said that with a few exceptions the Press caters for a public which is assumed to crave for the sordid and the trivial.

"Unless the Press takes its responsibilities more seriously there is a considerable danger of it having its liberty curtailed," said Mr. Cassidy. He said that the British Press, which has been a source of information of different aspects of life in the United Kingdom, has said that there cannot be anything radically wrong with Britain so long as a great percentage of the people continue to cultivate their gardens.

The broadcast in full follows: "An incredible impression will have been left on the minds of all who were at home this summer by the superb weather which lasted almost without a break from the last part of May until the middle of October. There was a day after a day of bright sunshine and if it had not been for an occasional cloud-burst here and there, there would have been continuous drought throughout the country."

"Farmers had bumper crops of hay and corn, and although there were some means about root crops in many parts of the country, they have brought compensation in this department by rapid growth before lifting."

"Dairymen, however, suffered and there was a general shortage of milk in most parts of England. It is astonishing how highly mechanized British farming has become and I learned that more than 9,000 Cornish Harvesters are now in operation. Compared with 1945, food seemed more plentiful, but of course people staying in hotels enjoy a sheltered life and are not in a position to pass judgment. The scarcity of the meat ration in the household is not realized by those who are provided with many varieties of game in a hotel or restaurant."

Petrol Rationing

"There is no doubt that generally speaking the people of Britain have to put up with an unbalanced diet of too much starch and not enough protein. Hotels have been seriously affected by the Catering Act which was mainly intended to provide reduced working hours for the staff."

"In small hotels, catering for a short season, the consequence has been extremely serious. Even if it were feasible to incur the heavy expenditure entailed by expansion of staff it would not be possible to secure suitable labour."

"The motorist from overseas is amply provided with petrol coupons and is at a great advantage over resident motorists. Roads generally are constantly being improved and although there is much heavy traffic on the main routes, dual carriage ways and good surfaces, speed up traffic considerably."

"Many second class roads are in splendid condition and together with new by-pass roads enable one to avoid most industrial areas when travelling from one part of the country to the other."

"Hotels on motor routes vary a good deal, many a modest establishment turns out to be first rate as regards food and service, while on the other hand some of the four star hotels are below standard."

"One learns by experience where to stop and when to go on. Despite petrol restrictions there is a very large number of private cars on the road, but many of them are old creaks and it is a safe bet that a current year's model is owned by someone from overseas."

"As always, political issues tend to make themselves into any conversation. The Government, like most Governments, come in for plenty of criticism and receive very little credit. "Devaluation has given the critics plenty of scope. I could say something myself on the subject and also on the question of nationalisation, but remembering what a rough time the Archbishop of York received at the hands of

National Health

"There is no doubt that the health of the nation is better than it ever was and the demand for education far in excess of the supply. Whatever one may think of the reckless manner in which the National Health Service was launched it may prove to be of the highest economic value to the nation."

"There is a lot of stupid jabbing over the abuses and some pitiful criticism of the administration. The decision to charge for prescriptions may do a lot to check some of the abuses, and it would not be unreasonable to ban visitors from participating in the benefits."

"The great thing is that medical attention is now available to everyone and it follows that many cases of disease which if neglected would help to swell the total of incurables, can now be checked in the early stages. This



Mr. P. S. Cassidy, photo graphed while broadcasting over Radio Hong Kong last night. (China Mail Photo.)

material attention and the provision of infant food have been well worth while and there is every prospect that the full National Health Service will pay handsome dividends."

"I am not in a position to comment on the Government's education policy, but there is general agreement on the value of raising the school age, although this cannot be fully implemented until there are more buildings and a considerable increase in training facilities for teachers. "The universities are all full to overflowing and the demand for evening classes is overwhelming. All this indicates that there is a desire to acquire knowledge and culture, and it is comforting to feel that there is such a large proportion of the lower middle and working classes, who want to better themselves."

"If only there were as marked a desire to do a job well and not be content with less than the best, there would be more confidence in the future of the nation."

Taste Improving

"Another bright feature is the spread of interest in music, drama and the ballet. No longer are these cultural pursuits the preserve of a small section of the upper classes, but they are shared by the public at a whole. As the consequence, there is a marked rise in the standard of national taste."

"The Edinburgh Festival is now an established institution which attracts thousands, but throughout this year London, which has a long tradition of painting and sculpture, theatrical and operatic entertainments and the increasingly popular Ballet."

"The pity is that the film industry has been unable to keep pace with the demand for good pictures, and although there have been one or two outstanding films produced during the past year, there are many more which are merely good in parts and could be, with a little extra trouble, so very much better."

"It was something of a shock to find the National Press had deteriorated from what had never been a high standard. Apart from the 'Times' and 'Telegraph', the 'Manchester Guardian' and the two Scottish papers, the press caters for a public which is assumed to crave for the sordid and the trivial."

"In these days of paper shortage one would have thought that

some balance would be kept between things that matter and domestic tragedies. Unfortunately this is not the case and a juicy murder or a sex drama is given as much space as if the paper contained 10 pages instead of six."

"The Sunday papers have always been in a bad way, but yet they have let themselves go over the post-war orgy of crime with all its novel manifestations. It is unfortunate that apart from the 'Daily Herald' there is no newspaper which supports the present Government, although the 'Times' does what it can to be impartial."

Danger To Press

"There is a good deal of justification for the antagonism of his colleagues towards the journalistic profession. It seems to me that unless the Press takes its responsibilities more seriously there is a considerable danger of it having its liberty curtailed."

"Anyone home on leave from Hong Kong this summer was naturally anxious to obtain full information as to developments in the Far East. In this respect the newspapers as a whole were of precious little help with the exception of the 'Times' and 'Telegraph', both of which incidentally had a few paragraphs and sometimes a column."

"I have no doubt that the other papers all had expert correspondents on the spot, but the vivid stories they may have edited home must have been heavily subordinated for the trifling bias of messages printed there was scarcely anything of value."

"The escape of Amethyst hit the headlines for several days, and a few stories with a human element appeared—the shelling of the ss. Titania was written up because of the assistance rendered to it by the crewed by the wife of a missionary—rather an insult, it seemed to me, because I take it that any woman whether a missionary's wife or not would have done no less."

"There seemed to be no appreciation of the plight of the people of Shanghai or of the effect on the country's export trade by the blockade of the Yangtze. On the other hand the appearance of a few red guards at Shumchun carried such headlines as 'The Hong Kong Peril' and 'British Colony Threatened'."

"Yet there seems to be a desire on the part of intelligent people to have the situation explained to them, and naturally any business people with Far East connections were anxious to obtain views as to the future course of events."

Sympathy For HK!

"My experience was that people from Hong Kong came in for a lot of sympathy and there were many expressions of horror that anyone, especially women, should be returning to so dangerous a place. Let us hope that this sympathy will prove unnecessary."

"Curiously enough during my five months in Britain, I scarcely ever listened to the wireless! For one thing the light evenings and the glorious weather kept me out of doors whenever possible and of course hotel lounges would be inauspicious for a radio where there is a good many criticisms of the BBC, but like Radio Hong Kong it comes in for a lot of criticism which is quite unjustified."

"The Third Programme seems to be very much appreciated, but how anyone can find the time to listen in regularly for an hour or more at a stretch is beyond my comprehension. Television is spreading rapidly, and in the London district I was amazed at the number of humble abodes which were fitted with the H. aerial."

Reminders

Today

Too H. Club classical concert, 8.30 p.m., Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Art Club, sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
Concert by the Band of 1st Bn. The Buffs, at St. John's Cathedral, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Bible Sunday Service (to be broadcast), 11 a.m.
Open Air Concert by Band of the 1st Bn. The Buffs, Botanical Gardens, 3 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Chinese Dialects" by Mr. O. B. Alderson, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Day Remembrance Service, Stanley Cemetery, 3 p.m.
Filipino Club reception for Philipinos Vice President Lopez, 4.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Rose Day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society.
H.K. Women's International Club, Club Night for Forces, 7.30 p.m.
Urban Council Meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 a.m.
H.K. Rotary Club, luncheon, talk by Mr. R. Ashdown on "Essential Services Corps", Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. H. meeting, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Literary and Debating Club meeting, talk on "Administration of Justice in the Colony" by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, 8.45 p.m.
Dance Class (admission free) at European YMCA, for Servicemen, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon-meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club weekly luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
H.K. Women's International Club, Dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Hunter Mauled By Tiger Cub

A Chinese hunter was badly mauled by a tiger cub on Friday at Shatin, New Territories, near the five-and-a-half-mile stone. He has been admitted to hospital for treatment.

Accompanied by three others, 31-year-old Ng Yau went hunting on the hillside. The party was preceded by two hunting dogs.

Attracted by the barking of one dog, Ng ran into the undergrowth to find his dog engaged in a fight with a tiger cub. Finding himself too close to the animal to bring his gun into action, Ng dropped it and grunted the tiger by the neck. He was maulled on the legs and thighs and had his front teeth knocked out.

His companions threw stones at the animal and attempted to kill it by hitting it on the head with rifle-butts. Ng's wounds forced him to release his grasp. The tiger disappeared into the undergrowth, further up the hill.

Ng's companions called the police and an ambulance was sent for. He took Ng to hospital. His hunting dog died later as a result of wounds suffered in the fight with the tiger cub.

Charged with the possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition on board a bus on Friday, Chan Nam, unemployed, was remanded three days by Mr. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Dutch Children Mark St. Nicholas Day

The children of Hong Kong's small Dutch community were enthralled yesterday as their patron saint of Christmastide, St. Nicholas himself, disembarked at Queen's Pier in full robes to preside at a Dutch Christmas Party.

Nearly 100 children, accompanied by their parents, assembled, expectantly, at the pier in the early afternoon to await St. Nicholas' arrival. Promptly at 2.30 p.m. the launch conveying him arrived, thus faithfully living up to a centuries-old Dutch tradition that at every Christmastide St. Nicholas will make a special trip from Spain, where he lives, to visit Dutch children and bring them gifts.

The date of his arrival in Holland is customarily fixed for December 5, but St. Nicholas was particularly accommodating this year, and arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, primarily because it was Sturday, the day when Dutch children and bring them gifts.

Then, as they gathered about him, he conferred his blessings on them.

St. Nicholas was accompanied by two Black Peters, who were equipped with leather-dusters to whip naughty children.

Present at the pier to welcome him was the Dutch Consul-General in Hong Kong and Mrs. de Roy van Alderwereld.

Behind the disguise smiled the pleasant face of Mr. Dirk Zwager, complete with long beard and apple-dumpling cheeks.

Shortly after the disembarkation the party of children and St. Nicholas drove to the Helena May Institute, on Garden Road, where a sumptuous Christmas Party was held.

Money Market

US dollar, opened yesterday at HK\$63.00, dropped to \$62.25, and closed at \$63.04.
It was put through from HK\$0.35 to \$0.36.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$12.20, and Australian Pounds at HK\$12.20.

Pineapples were again nominal at HK\$18.30 a 100.
Teals at HK\$27 a 100, and NEI Cuddlers at HK\$23.50 a 100, were unchanged.

REFUGEE RICE KITCHENS

Nanning and Pakhoi are full of refugees from all parts of China, who cannot move any further. Relief Committees have been established in both places, to give one simple meal a day. Efforts are being made to collect \$50,000 at once in Hong Kong. Contributions may be sent to the Bank of East Asia, to the French Mission Procurement, or to Bishop Hall, Bishop's House, Hong Kong.

SHIP WITH KMT SOLDIERS HERE

The ss. Haven, called here yesterday with about 2,000 Chinese soldiers aboard and anchored outside harbour limits beyond Green Island.

It was learned that arrangements to send food supplies to the passenger steamer were made by the local Nationalist military representatives last night.

The last part of call and the destination of the Haven could not be determined last night because of lack of communication. Three soldiers were killed and three wounded in Canton city yesterday. They were intercepted by Communist soldiers. The three were shot and killed in a brief exchange of fire.

Korean Baritone Delights

Mr. I. C. Oak, Korean baritone, delighted a packed audience at the Hong Kong Hotel roof-garden last night in a recital of exceptional brilliance. He was assisted by Miss Linda Hu and supported by Professor Harry Ore, who appeared in six piano solos.

Mr. Oak describes himself as a baritone, but there were moments during the recital yesterday when he almost gave himself away as a tenor. Where he lacks the deeper tones of a Tibbett he makes up swiftly with shades of a MacCormack.

He sang in six different languages from a repertoire ranging from Bach to "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. As an encore he gave an improvised Korean folk song rendered without the benefit of any accompaniment.

Mr. Oak displayed considerable knowledge of tonal subtleties and raised and dropped his voice with great effect. He demonstrated notable agility in recollecting the whistling accompaniment of Chopin's aria from the "Enchanting Night" with the difficult passage from Tchaikovsky's "Symphonie Pathétique" entitled "None But the Lonely Heart," which he sang in German.

He was warmly applauded after his rendition of "Trees." Mr. Oak infused Kilmer's great poem with a beauty of expression matched only by the beauty of the simple music.

The "Foreador" song from Carmen failed to impress because Mr. Oak has not yet completely mastered the art of tricky scale control.

Professor Harry Ore played his selections with remarkable grace and fully merited the applause which he received. His rendition of Paganini's La Campanella was delightful.

Miss Linda Hu, who accompanied Mr. Oak, manifested signs of nervousness in the early part of the programme when she tended to overplay her role instead of remaining in the background. She improved so much in the latter stage that when Mr. Oak came to sing his selections from Schumann and Bizet she completely shone in her mission as accompanist, and succeeded in accentuating the range and metre of his voice.

Mr. Oak displayed his versatility by singing three songs from the Chinese composer Wong Tze in Kuanyu. Mr. Wong Tze, uses the modern medium for his music, allowing only little scope for the play of native Chinese rhythm. His music is essentially Western, mostly Chopinesque, with a touch of Liszt.

Mr. Oak was educated in Shanghai and he made his first public appearance there accompanied by the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Myrio Fari. He was tutored by Professor Sushlin.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, Mr. A. W. Frisby, Director of Education, Singapore, and Mr. A. W. Frisby, Director of Education, Hong Kong, will visit the Kowloon Docks Memorial School, Hui Hui tomorrow at 9.15 a.m. After leaving the Kowloon Docks Memorial School they will visit the temporary La Salle College.

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In view of the manifesto
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and Wenwepao on November
28, 1949 by which many em-
ployees stated that as from
November 9, 1949 they have
become "employees of the Civil
Aviation Enterprise of the
Central People's Govern-
ment" and in view of the
action of employees in dis-
obeying the orders of the
Supreme Court, Hongkong,
they have in fact terminated
their employment with the
Corporation. However, in
order to give them a chance
to reconsider their position,
the Managing Director wishes
to make the following statement:

1. All employees of this
Corporation should register
themselves with the Corpora-
tion between 10 a.m. and 3
p.m. on week days from De-
cember 7 to December 14, in-
clusive. They should bring
with them four passport photo-
graphs. The place of regis-
tration will be announced later.
They shall surrender the
identification permits for the
Kai Tak Airfield and their
badges formerly issued by the
Corporation at the time of re-
gistration.

2. Subject to the registra-
tion and surrender of iden-
tification permits and badges,
the Managing Director will
continue the payment of wages
to all employees thus regis-
tered, and will ask the Director
of Civil Aviation in Hongkong
to issue new badges and new
identification permits for the
Kai Tak Airfield.

3. The payment of wages
for the month of December
will be made on December 15,
1949 after permission is ob-
tained from the Supreme
Court to release the Corpora-
tion's funds.

Signed:

SHEN TEH-HSIEH,
Managing Director,
China National

NOTICE

TO: CHINA NATIONAL
AVIATION CORPORATION
EMPLOYEES

The registration and surren-
der of identification permits
and badges referred to in my
announcements to the Press
will take place at No. 7 Ice
House Street, Hongkong,
ground floor between 10 a.m.
and 3 p.m. on week days from
December 7, 1949 to Decem-
ber 14, 1949, inclusive.

Signed:

SHEN TEH-HSIEH,
Managing Director,
China National
Aviation Corporation.

December 3, 1949.

HONG KONG ST.
ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

Members are reminded of
the St. Andrew's Day Remem-
brance Service to be held at
Stanley Cemetery at 3.00 p.m.
on Sunday, December 4, 1949.

C. G. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

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the Company will be held at
the Office of the Company,
Queen's Building, Victoria,
Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th
December, 1949, at 11.30 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving a
Report of the Directors, to-
gether with a Statement of
Accounts, and Re-electing
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Nov. 28, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

On Tuesday, November 29,
1949, at about 12.55 hrs. p.m.
at Johnston Road, near the
junction of Lun Fat Street, a
Chinese Female TANG BUT,
71 yrs., of 21 Yue Wah Street,
ground floor, who was knock-
ed down and fatally injured
by an unknown vehicle.

Will any persons who wit-
nessed the accident or can
give any information concern-
ing the same, please com-
municate with the Traffic
Office, Hong Kong, Telephone
No. 39346 or to the nearest
Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

December 2, 1949.

NOTICE

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colour and Oil Paintings by
Mr. Douglas R. Bland will be
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I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services.
December 3, 1949.

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hoped that all past members
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Entries close to the Secretary, Telephone House, 1st floor,
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By R. H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

What may have been a casual friendship is likely to develop into a business alliance. End of week should see you moving about on family business or following up some overseas connection.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
A change of week. Refreshment amongst staff or fellow workers affect your own affairs. About Wednesday a surprise that will make you alter your ideas about family projects, and particularly about older people.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
Likelihood of a little trenchery early this week; be careful. But socially and financially a promising period, particularly if you have much to do with strangers or foreigners. If married, good fortune materialises through marriage partner.

(August 22-September 22)
A lively week socially; you entertain and at the same time get about more than usual. A new friendship that originates mid-week likely to be more important than you expected. A close associate's success indirectly brings wealth to you.

(September 23-October 23)
Long planned changes now get nearer realisation. If you are contemplating a house move, family or business reshuffle, but get on with it on Wednesday. A propitious week for social life and for anything to do with children.

(October 24-November 24)
Much mental activity this week and likelihood of a new and important scheme getting under way. If you have special knowledge or training you should get a chance to make good use of it on Wednesday. A propitious period for family and household affairs.

(November 25-December 25)
If in difficulties this week, look to the family rather than to strangers (the member of it may be ultra-critical but is likely to be generous and practical. New schemes develop rapidly after Wednesday.

(December 26-January 26)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: FOR MOST OF US: An ideal day for entertaining and pleasure seeking. Happy developments in some personal problem this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be just the type of year or you appreciate. True, you will have a few problems to face in 1949/50, but they are not likely to affect your general prosperity. Throughout the 12 months you will live comfortably, make money, and happiness.

From the business angle you are "in luck." What you are doing at the moment would probably bring in good returns about June next. After that, it will be worth while concentrating on entirely new schemes.

You may gain through speculation and you are pretty certain to gain through windfalls and through clever utilisation of good-will. Don't expect anything in the way of legacies and don't worry if property investments depreciate during the next 12 months. You standard of living is likely to improve steadily throughout the year.

Don't neglect opportunities of launching out socially. If you make good use of your innate social gifts and charm you will make many valuable friends this year. You may become a leader of your particular "set" or score some personal triumph early in 1950.

Relationships with older people may be somewhat strained during the early part of the year but they need not depress you unduly. Other ties are likely to become stronger and to bring ever increasing happiness. If single, and thinking of getting married, you may find yourself a winner in the marriage lottery this year.

If already married, you will find you can afford more luxuries than usual and that family life becomes more secure and comfortable as the months pass.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5: FOR MOST OF US: Probably a critical and unsettled day. Important decisions may be necessary before night. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Mauve, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Don't expect much comfort or peace of mind during the first half of your birthday year. Though actual setbacks are not likely to beget you will be restless and dissatisfied until mid-1950. Your dissatisfaction will probably culminate in a bout of changes in June.

It is a good year for tackling anything new, for re-organising your business for making reshuffles all round. If your new schemes take you overseas or entail the development of some overseas business, all the better. Financially it will be a period of ups and downs. You will have an expensive time early in the year and may find yourself rather hard up about Easter. But later come windfalls and some surprising "good luck." By your next birthday you should have cash in hand.

If you have any interest in real-estate, occult, the occult, should be an outstanding year in your development. It will be an important period too for health. If you have been out of sorts lately, a marked change for the better is likely in six months time. Domestic life, too, is under changed stars. You are likely to re-organise your household to get rid of some turbulent person in it. If single, don't rush into marriage this year; wait until October 1950.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6: FOR MOST OF US: Work likely to stick to your fingers this morning. Better shelve difficult or tedious jobs until another day. Evening hours propitious for pleasure seeking and personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose pink, 6, Lapis-lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better be prepared for an up and down existence during the next few months. Most of the time you will be longing to break away from present conditions and restrictions and yet be unable to do so. In about six months time, you should get the opportunity you are waiting for.

If in close contact with the family, you may find it difficult to keep clear of feuds and upsets. There are sure to be clashes in your particular circle and it will be difficult to avoid being drawn in. If you can play the role of peacemaker, do so.

In business, older people will be exceedingly trying - men in particular. But do remember that changes will be inadvisable just yet; try to keep your temper and make the best of things until after June. You won't lose financially by such a policy.

Take care of health and be on your guard against mishaps such as burns or falls. The chances are that your own health will be good, but that you will be concerned about an elderly relative. Someone else's illness means a drain on your pocket.

There is certain happiness in store for you this year, but before you attain it you will have to break away from some undesirable association. So don't worry if quarrels ensue early in the year and a long-standing tie is broken. Before your next birthday you will find not only personal happiness but social popularity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7: FOR MOST OF US: Day of surprises and unforeseen opportunities. Be on your toes. Some chances of speculative "luck" late in day. Evening hours good for entertaining and pleasure seeking. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Both happiness and success this year depend upon how courageous and original you are. If you are stickler for routine and anxious to stay in a rut you will miss all that Fate has to offer. If, however, you can rise to emergencies, cope with new situations, you will have an outstanding year.

A chance to see the world, perhaps settle abroad, should come about the end of June. You would be wise to take it; good fortune and pleasant experiences would follow if you go overseas. If you decide to stay, consider a move to another neighborhood. Financially all's well although you will have many unforeseen expenses. There is some likelihood of gains through speculation in the New Year and still more chance of windfalls through the generosity of friends. Your usual income should increase.

Intellectually, it will be an outstanding year in your life. You will probably feel at your best and brightest throughout the year. Also, some new interest or study begun in mid-1950 has far-reaching effects.

It will be a very propitious year for anyone still fancy-free. Romantic adventures seem inevitable in the last few months of the year. If already married, a new interest comes into your life and a new inmate of the household may be both helpful and disturbing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: FOR MOST OF US: A good day for clearing up half completed jobs or tackling anything difficult. Unfortunate for speculation and out-of-the-way ventures. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Red-brown, 3, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: There are a few problems ahead of you this year, but on the whole this will be a period of quiet happiness and over-increasing security. Most of your worries about future prosperity will be eased before the year is out. You will make some arrangement that will serve you well in the years to come.

If you own property you will make money through it this year, or, maybe, you get a better and more secure job and realise that there is little to hold you back for many years ahead. If in business on your own, be careful. Better to be over-cautious than

to reach for quick profits and be disappointed.

If you are closely associated with older people, stick to them. You are safe enough with people whom you have known and trusted for eight or nine years. On the other hand, friends will probably give you precious advice about making money - advice that will prove a snare and a delusion.

There is some possibility of a legacy, though if you gain in this way during 1949/50 you will also take on some curious responsibility. If you have money to spare, buy a new house or some land this year.

If now unmarried, an old sweetheart turns up in your life and marriage may result. If already comfortably settled, you have no cause for worry this year provided you keep interfering relatives at a distance. Socially it will be a happy time, though you will make few new friends of any value.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9: FOR MOST OF US: Beware of extravagance or bad bargains this morning. Better for purely theoretical work than for actual business surprises late in day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This coming year of life will be a most interesting period and may bring you much good fortune. But from the beginning to the end of it, it will pay you to be more than usually careful about money. If you don't take trouble in this way, you will probably overspend, find yourself in debt.

So budget carefully over the first six months of the year and cut out unnecessary expenditure and speculation. What you make in 1949/50 will be through new business schemes rather than through windfalls or gambling. So don't risk precious money in this way.

Travel is very probable particularly in June or August. You would be happy overseas but you would probably find expenses piled up more quickly than you anticipated. Nevertheless, may occur.

It will be an important year in your mental and spiritual development. A new interest - either religious or artistic - brings fresh hope and colour into your life. There is a chance that you link up with some new group of society between August and October.

In your personal affairs it will be a changeable period. In about six months time you make new link-ups, probably break up a friendship that has endured for

three to six years. If still single, marriage plans are not likely to materialise in 1949/50. Whether married or single it will be an outstanding year for new friendships, particularly those of an idealistic type.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10: FOR MOST OF US: Good for both business and social life. Follow up introductions, arrange interviews for early afternoon. Travellers also under propitious stars. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Golden Yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be one of the most important years you have lived through for a long time. Given sufficient courage and imagination, you could go far in 1949/50. Opportunities of the right kind are pretty certain to materialise in July or August next.

Much of your good fortune would come about through link-ups with people of character and influence. Possibly your employer takes an interest in you and puts opportunities your way. Alternatively, you get into the good graces of someone who can help you to a more congenial job.

The changes may be associated with travel and you are likely to do well if you go overseas. If you stay at home, a house move is desirable and will probably be inevitable this year.

You will have no health worries in 1949/50. Indeed, your physical well-being and energy will reach a high level. But you may find developments of the latter half of the year exhausting. One change after another is likely to take place from July onwards.

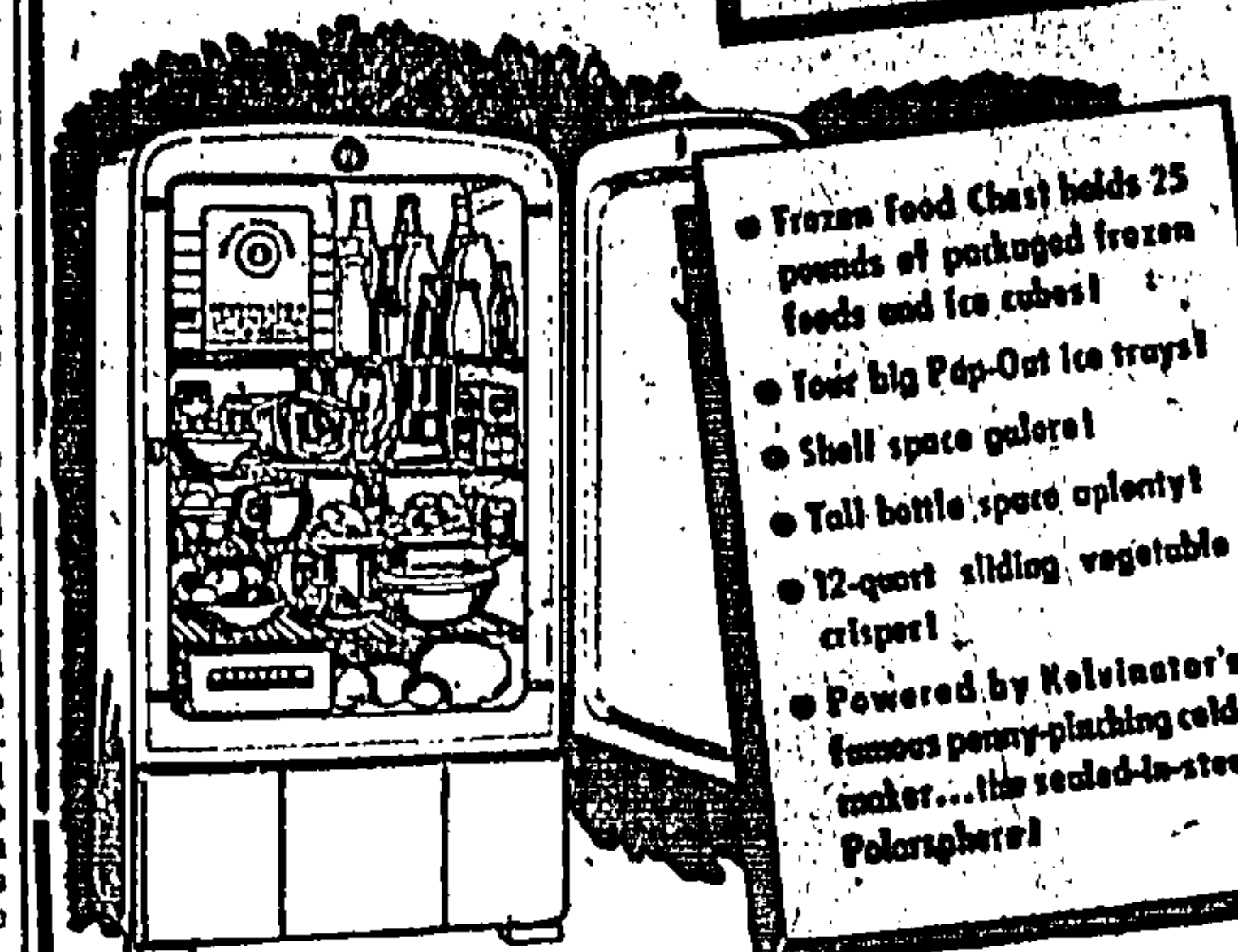
It is a most propitious year for getting married. If still single and thinking of matrimony, go ahead as quickly as you can. If already married, it looks as though you will get new hope and new happiness this year, and that one long-standing family feud will be healed about October.

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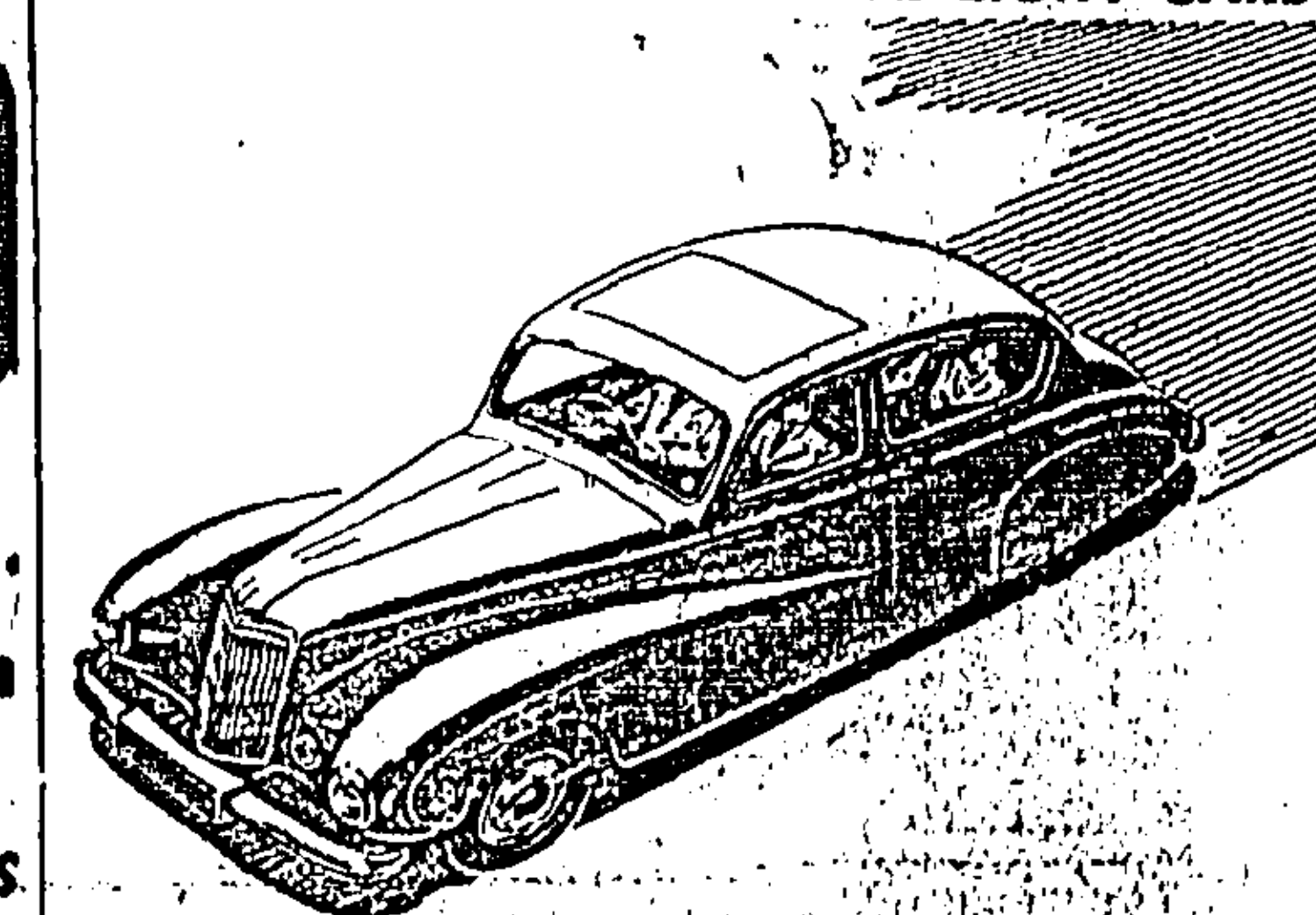
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JANUARY (December 21-January 19)
Some uncertainty about arrangements for first half of week. But you see your way clearly on Wednesday. Contacts made that day likely to be more important than you realise at first. Schemes that originate on Thursday have an excellent chance of success. Journeys probable.

FEBRUARY (January 20-February 18)
Venus enters your Sun Sign this week; hence easier conditions all round and probably more social life. But you will have to allow for a change-over in working conditions and for hostile criticism from a new associate. Wednesday likely to be eventful and important.

MARCH (February 19-March 20)
Don't rush changes; they will probably come about early this week whether you plan them or not. If you take life as it comes, make the most of introductions and new friendships, matters should work out pretty well. "Gambler's luck" possible mid-week.

APRIL (March 21-April 20)
Some undertaking that you have been postponing of late may now be possible. But don't expect anything to go through without controversy and extra effort this week. A little trouble connected with missing letters or lost documents on Tuesday.

MAY (April 21-May 20)
Financially up and down week. You make one arrangement that benefits you but may find on Friday that another claim has materialised. End of week propitious for new contracts and journeys.

JUNE (May 21-June 20)
Events of the next few days effect a new relationship closely.

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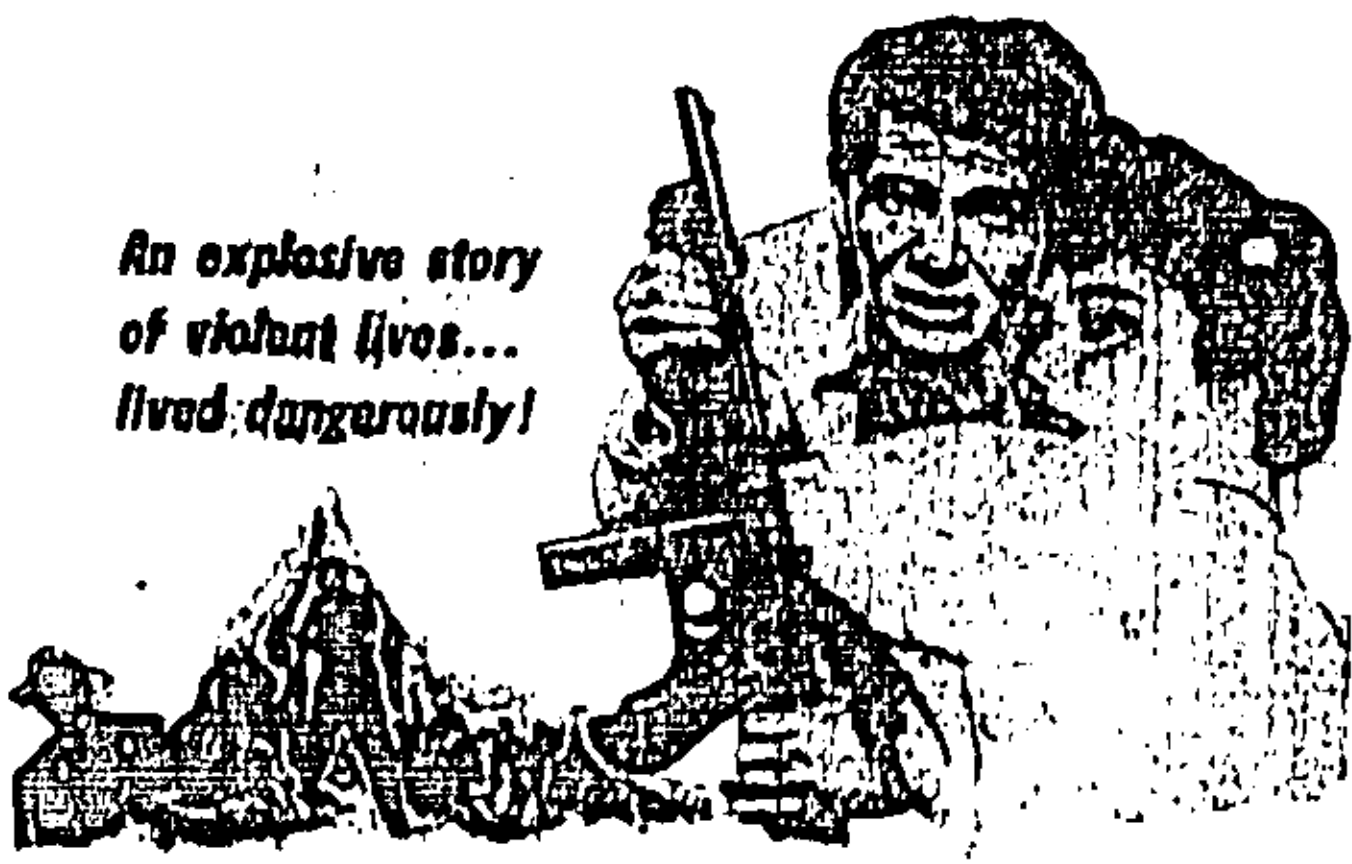
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SOCIALISM MAJOR ISSUE IN AUSSIE GENERAL ELECTION

Sydney, December 3.

Australia's Labour Government seeks a third successive mandate in a December 10 election in which socialism is a major issue. The question of what to do about Communists is another leading issue.

The election, for the 19th Parliament since Australia's Federation in 1901, will involve a sweeping electoral reform reflecting the steady growth of the continent "down under."

Aided by a booming European immigration programme, Australia achieved 8,000,000 population on November 1, an increase of a 1,000,000 since 1939.

The new Parliament will have 35 per cent increase in membership to provide a Lower House of 129 members instead of 71 at present, and an increase from 30 to 60 in the Senate, including some seats which do not stand for election now.

The addition of these new seats introduced a new political factor which will influence the election now.

Mr. Chifley, Prime Minister, said that the Government will control the Senate, regardless of who wins the Lower House and establishes a Government.

In the current campaign, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fadden have welded their parties into a more solid front than ever achieved in the past.

Mr. Chifley and Dr. Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, are seeking re-election to the Lower House from a New South Wales electorate. He is opposed by Nancy Wake, who won a British decoration—the George Medal—for spectacular wartime feats with the French Underground.

Mr. Chifley and Dr. Evatt disclaimed any ambitious plans to nationalise many industries. They said that Australia's Constitution (which is patterned on that of the USA) clearly prevents the nationalising of industries. This is proved, they claim, by the rejection by the British

Privy Council of Chifley's legislation to nationalise private trading banks, and by the Australian High Court's "knock back" on attempts several years ago to take over private airlines. Labour subsequently launched a Government airline.

But Mr. Menzies' Liberal Party, which has strong support from industry and commerce, and Mr. Fadden's agrarian Country Party campaigned vigorously that re-election of Labour would open the way for nationalisation.

They pointed out that the Labour party has not repealed a long-standing clause in the platform of 1911 which provides for the socialisation of the means of production, distribution, exchange and credit.

The Conservatives charged that Mr. Chifley in 1947 used this long obscure clause to justify introduction of ill-fated legislation to take over private banks.

Rad Issue
On the issue of Communism, the Australian election may prove in a modest way a trend-point for other countries. Labour and the United Conservatives are poles apart. Mr. Fadden and Mr. Menzies, who would become the next Prime Minister if Labour is defeated, promise to ban the Communist party in Australia.

Mr. Chifley argues that such a ban would drive the Communists underground. He says it is better to keep them in the open and that the only cure for any threat of Communism is to improve the status of labour and assure the prosperity of the country.

If the Menzies-Fadden parties win, many political observers predict another election, perhaps within a year. These experts say that Mr. Menzies, hobbled by a hostile Senate, would seek a "double dissolution" of Parliament and send both Houses to the people.

Some political experts also believe a Conservative coalition ministry might not survive because of conflict on economic interests. Labour spokesmen say the failure of a Menzies-Fadden coalition in the critical early days of the war proves fundamental divergence of opinion among the Conservatives.

SYRIAN GENERAL IN BRITAIN
London, December 2.
The Syrian Defence Minister, General Abdullah Quatiah, today conferred with Sir Maurice Dean, Deputy Secretary of the Defence Ministry.

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12.00—"Compassionate Cavalry"—The Music of Nicholas Bransby

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1.50—"Fiddle Abandon and His Liberal Orchestra" (Studio)

2.00—"Jazz Without Tears"—Presented by Graham Mackay and Scott McConnell (Studio)

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3.15—"Birds with Wings"—Conducted by the Rev. H. J. Andrews, O.F. (Studio)

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3.50—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)

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4.45—"From the Editor's" (London Relay)

5.10—"An Appeal for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul" (Studio)

5.15—"London Studio Melodies"—The Melodious Orchestra with Rita Williams and Harry Dawson (BBC)

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6.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)

6.15—"Weather Report"

6.18—"The Small Home at Allington"—By Anthony Trollope (Part 9) (BBC)

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7.00—"Weather Report and World News from London (Rebroadcast)"

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"Good evening, friends," says Mr. P. Campbell. "I am glad to see you—all of you I appreciate the honour of your attendance."

A ripple of applause goes round the hall. Mr. Campbell holds up a white handkerchief.

"Before I begin, I have an announcement to make. The subject of my lecture has been changed. I will not, as advertised, speak to you about 'Seve, Ways to Make a Stock on Second Favourite.' Instead, my address will be entitled 'The Splendid and Hazy of Mr. Campbell.'"

A voice from the back of the hall: "That's Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart's lecture, at the Book Exhibition. You told us about it last week."

The lecturer bows. "I know that," he says. "But his idea, but he was called 'The Splendid and Hazy of Mr. Campbell.' This is a more personal matter. I've bought a car."

A storm of cheering breaks thundering on the floor. "He's done it at last! Local boys make good!" "Where there's a will there's a way!"

The lecturer acknowledges the applause and takes a sip of ink.

from the bottle on the rostrum. "Thank you, friends. Thank you very much. A time of triumph, indeed, but— and here his assestive features become cast in even graver mien—"but the motor-car has turned to ashes in my mouth."

A voice from the gallery: "Blew up awfully, Chawllie?"

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There is a buzz of excitement in the hall. "Never heard him in finer voice." "Extraordinary grasp of the poetic phrase." "Wonder if tea will be served later."

The lecturer clears his teeth with a pin, and resumes: "But suddenly, out of a slice of black-mall, comes success. A morsel of money comes my way. Will I buy my wife a fur coat? Will I buy my wife a new suit? Will I buy my wife a new man? Certainly not. I shall buy myself a motorcar!"

The lecturer leaps about the platform waving his hands above his head, while the audience sings "We'll make bonfire of our troubles." Order is restored with difficulty. A small, clerical person is bending a woman about the head with an umbrella in the third row of the stalls.

"And no," shouts the lecturer—ho seems hysterical—"I get wind of a second-hand machine, and off to darkest Action, and there she blows! Low-slung Continental beast in perfect mechanical order, with a large hole in

the hood. I prowl round it, kicking the tyres, with the lip curled up like a naturalised Algerian entrepreneur from the deep end of Warren-street. They're not going to put anything over on me.

"I point out the difficulty of obtaining spares for what is clearly an obsolete model. I observe that one of the door panels is rotten. I comment on the facts that the brakes don't work, the headlamps are lousy and the engine seems to be stuffed with glue. Then I put my finger through the hood. Two hundred and thirty, says the dealer, 'take it or leave it.' I take it. (He's probably got a wife and child.) Or at least, I take a portion of it, because a brisk young man comes round from the Strangle Yourself Finance Corporation, and he takes the rest. Searching questions about the intricacies of income, but all is well in the end. And suddenly, lo and behold, I'm a motor-car owner again!"

Seats wrenched up. Whistles. Cheers. A student with a corduroy muffer stands up and begins to make a speech about vivisection. Scenes of enthusiasm beguiling description.

"But," cries the lecturer, "but—woe is me!"

"I come back three days later to pick up my motor-car. I am trembling with excitement. The dream of the past 10 years is about to be fulfilled. The machine is taxed and insured and it has two new boots on the back seat. Petrol in the tank. I'm away! I slip into the driving seat. For a moment I fondle the wheel. 'Dear motor-car,' I whisper. 'I love you with all my heart.' Then I reach out with my left foot for the starter button. I can't find the starter button. I strike a match, and peer about on the floor. I find it, lurking under the moth-eaten carpet. I straighten up, and open my skull on the edge of the dashboard. I am undoubtedly motoring again!"

He breaks off and glares at the audience with such malevolence that two or three people in the front row try to climb over the back of their seats.

"But that is not all," cries the lecturer. "At the first rise in the ground I am passed by a cement lorry. The driver shouts 'Your rear light's gone out.' I get out myself and find that the rear light is burning brightly. I resume my journey, and am immediately passed by a three-wheeler. The driver shouts, 'Your rear light's gone out.' I stop the car and get out again. This time I discover that the bumper is arranged in such a way that it conceals the rear light altogether, unless you're standing directly above it, or lying immediately underneath. Everyone, including a woman on a pedestrian-crossing with a pram and two children, shouts at me the rest of the way home."

Suddenly, the lecturer throws out his arms.

"Oh, my friends," he cries, "be not led astray by the false glitter of material possessions. Be content with your modest lot. In the morning the car won't start, and I can't get my bicycle out because the cursed thing is in the way. I run half a mile to the station, and easily miss the train."

There is a pregnant silence.

"Ere," cries the lecturer, without warning, "flavoury roaster, prime condition, two-fifty nicker! Come on, get it! 'Wot aboot you, sir?' Or you."

He leaps into the audience, who make a break for the exit. In a moment the hall is empty. As the caretaker looks up, the lecturer is seen beating his head against the wall.

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Firewood Shortage

WAH KIU YAT PO: Except for a few who cook with gas in elegantly heated and an indispensable commodity in the everyday life of the majority in the Colony. It has been reported that the Colony consumes a daily average of 10,000 piculs of firewood.

Recently, due to the disruption of supplies from the West River areas and partly because of manipulations on the part of unscrupulous dealers, the price of firewood has increased considerably.

As a result, it has seriously affected the livelihood of the people. The authorities concerned have announced that firewood would be rationed shortly to ration card holders. We urge that this be done as soon as possible in the interests of the welfare of the people.

There is, however, one regret: the fact that only ration card holders will benefit from the rationing of firewood. Nevertheless, the step in a wise one as it will help bring down the existing prices, to give some relief to non-ration card holders.

It is learned that Government is contemplating two precautionary measures to guard against a shortage of firewood and increased prices. Stocks built up here are to be released shortly and new supplies are to be ordered from the South Seas.

We are certain that the two measures will have a good effect on stabilising the prices of firewood in the Colony and we urge Government to institute the rationing of firewood without further delay.

The Ward Case

TA KUNG PAO: As an independent nation we have our rights to uphold within the borders of our own country. Strangely, the Americans are making a great bother about our rights.

American Imperialists have suffered further loss of prestige in the Far East as a result of the expulsion of Mr. Angus Ward, American Consul, at Mukden, from China.

The expulsion must have taught them a lesson. They must appreciate the fact that engaging in conspiracies cannot be tolerated in the China of today.

They have pursued a belligerent attitude towards new China and have refused to grant recognition to the new government. Yet they want to enjoy diplomatic immunity. Their most ridiculous action has been their appeal to all nations to join in a protest against us.

Mr. Angus Ward infringed the law by beating up a person. It is correct and justified that he was tried in the eyes of the nation, he is a common man without any immunity privileges. We are on our feet today in a new era. We are no longer the weaklings our forefathers were in the old days.

Communist Solidarity

SING TAO JIH PAO: Pressure on Marshal Tito is a time-bomb between two opposing world groups of nations.

Pressure may or may not reach the stage where an explosion is inevitable, but if it does, it will mean the doom of our civilisation, perhaps the end of the human race.

The Communist form has released a fresh offensive against the nations of the North Atlantic. Communist countries just when the nations of the North Atlantic Pact are hurriedly drawing up defence plans as a measure against possible Soviet aggression.

Primary object of the Communist offensive apparently is to achieve solidarity among the Communists throughout the world and to consolidate them for the eventual overthrow of Marshal Tito's government.

The stupendous success of the Chinese Communists and the setting up of the East German State have helped to consolidate inter-

Moral Values

By The Bishop Of Southwell

To despise party politics is futile. After all, a legal opposition is the constitutional safeguard of freedom; and that—in this country—means the party system. But there are times when rigid party loyalties may be incompatible with a higher claim.

The differences between the two front benches, however wide they may now be, are as nothing compared with their deep positive agreements—their respect for the cherished tradition, and their common faith in social democracy with moral principles upon which it rests. It is nothing less than all this which is now at stake. It depends in the long run on our Christianity.

No doubt it is true that moral exhortation will not change economic facts. Fine motives alone will earn no more dollars. Yet all would be lost if we could not count on motives which can rise above immediate self-interest. Economic facts—in so far as

national Communism, and it is a reasonably common-sense view that the Communist will try to extend its field of operations—hitherto confined to Europe—to other parts of the world.

Chiang's Future

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: According to reports from Chengtu, the Central Standing Committee of the Kuomintang has resolved to recall Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to resume the Presidency.

We have studied the Constitution but nowhere could we find the KMT Central Standing Committee mentioned.

The Committee is part of the Kuomintang, but the Kuomintang has already returned the government to the hands of the people.

Therefore, whatever resolutions are made by the Committee, they cannot interfere with the Constitution.

Chiang's retirement from the Presidency complied with the procedure in the Constitution. His return must be according to the Constitution, not at the whim and fancy of the KMT Standing Committee.

However, the question is not one between Chiang and Li, it revolves on fate of the Constitution.

We recognise and abide by the Constitution, not resolutions by the Committee.

What the world is now finding out is that if we throw moral values over the material aims and profits, the world will be reduced to live by broad alone he cannot supply even his daily bread. The question before us is not simply technical—how to increase industrial productivity. It is in the end the question about the quality of our life.

It is what kind of people we mean to be and what are the gods that we intend to serve.

To answer that rightly demands a standard which is to speak to the people in the great language. Our deepest need is to be awakened to that fundamental faith in God and in the Christian standards of right living which is still latent in the hearts of Englishmen.

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MINISTERS TO
HOLD MEETING

Stockholm, December 2.

The Scandinavian Premiers, Defence, Foreign, Trade and Finance Ministers will probably meet in Copenhagen shortly.

They will discuss matters of common political interest, according to usually well-informed sources here.

KASHMIR
REPORT
FOR UN

Geneva, December 3.

The report of the Kashmir Commission will be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations about the second week of this month.

The report will be circulated to members of the Security Council and a date fixed for the discussion. This is expected to take place early next year.

Mr. M. A. Gurnani, Pakistan's Minister for Kashmir Affairs, today called on Mr. Colban, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Kashmir Commission.

Mr. Gurnani will represent Pakistan at the discussions of the Security Council on the report of the Kashmir Commission.

Mr. Gurnani, who arrived here yesterday, was shown round the Palais des Nations in Geneva this morning by M. Colban. This evening he will dine with the members of the Kashmir Commission.

There will be no official discussions on the Kashmir problem, but there may be some informal talks on the matter.

Mr. Gurnani will leave Geneva for Paris and London on Sunday. Meanwhile, he will renew contacts with such organisations as the International Red Cross.—Reuter.

It will be one of the routine periodic meetings held between Nordic statesmen to stake out, as far as possible, a common Scandinavian foreign and economic policy, particularly in the United Nations Organisation.

These consultations have been taking place regularly, although the three countries failed to agree on a joint defence pact in Oslo earlier this year.

Norway and Denmark then decided to join the Atlantic Pact and Sweden to remain neutral, but the three countries agreed to continue and expand their consultations on political, economic and cultural matters.

A report from Copenhagen to the Swedish Liberal evening newspaper "Aftonbladet" that discussions for a joint defence of Scandinavia will be resumed in Copenhagen is denied in competent quarters here.

If Russia Moves

Sweden's neutrality policy is unchanged and has the support of all political parties—except the Communists who say it is un-neutral—the Premier, Mr. Tage Erlander, confirmed again in a speech yesterday.

Only if Soviet Russia moved against Finland would Sweden abandon her neutrality, these quarters added.

The meeting, which Mr. Erlander will neither confirm nor deny, will be the biggest Scandinavian Ministers' gathering since the Oslo discussions.

The presence of the Trade and Finance Ministers may yield a common statement on Scandinavia's long-planned Customs Union, her attitude to Eritulux and to London reports that Britain may offer Scandinavia a loose Customs or commercial union.—Reuter.

KOREAN REDS
"REPENT"

Seoul, December 3. Forty thousand South Koreans "confessed" as "repentant Communists" during the last five weeks, the Korean National Guidance League announced today.

The Communists were urged to "awaken now or be lost forever" in a campaign aimed at persuading them to apply for an amnesty.

The campaign ended on November 30 and the Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs and Justice are now jointly embarked upon a vigorous clean-up of all "unrepentant sinners".—Reuter.

Etna Roars
Into Action

Catania, December 2. Peasants living on the fertile lower slopes of Mount Etna were awakened by a roar today as the volcano belched lava and dust through three new mouths near the Central crater. Lava streaming down the North Eastern slope surged into some fields. No other damage was done through 1,800 tons, about four-fifths of the normal output. The highest volcano in Europe, Etna was last active in July. It has a record of more than 80 known eruptions.—Reuter.

BACK TO
WORK AT
ENUGU

Lagos, December 2.

Miners at the Enugu mine, West Africa's biggest coal mine, who have been on strike for higher wages have returned to work.

Miners have been occupying the pit for more than a week since their initial clash with the police touched off riots among the Ibo tribe in Eastern Nigeria.

Nineteen miners were killed when police opened fire during a clash at the mines.

The back to work move began on Thursday and output reached 1,800 tons, about four-fifths of the normal output.

The Commission enquiring into the disorders arrived in Lagos today and will begin work at Enugu early next week.—Associated Press.

"Germans
Held In
Spain"

Munich, December 3.

The "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" today alleged that hundreds of Germans are being held in Spanish concentration camps.

The newspaper published an exclusive interview with a Hamburg Senator, Herr Hermann Wolters, who recently visited Spain.

Herr Wolters claimed that during his visit to the Nancure's concentration camp, 60 miles South of San Sebastian, about 400 Germans assembled and implored him to help them.

"We have typhoid fever, we are dying here," the prisoners shouted as they flocked to the building where the Senator conferred with the camp commandant, it is said.

The commandant told Herr Wolters that all the Germans, mostly former soldiers who escaped to Spain between 1944 and 1948, would be released if transport was paid to return them to Germany.

Herr Wolters claimed that they were poorly fed and clad in rags. He said he has a list of the German prisoners and will ask the West German Government to take action on their behalf.

He estimated the number of Germans held in Spanish camps at about 1,000.—Reuter.



THE SAILOR WHO WASN'T IN THE AMETHYST

Angus Ward Leaving
Mukden By Wednesday

Washington, December 2.

The State Department announced that Chinese Communist officials have ordered Consul-General Angus Ward and his entire staff to leave Mukden by 8 a.m. next Wednesday morning, Chinese time.

The State Department Press Officer, Michael McDermott, said that Mr. Ward told this to the U.S. Consul-General in Peking, Edmund Clubb, in a telephone conversation on Friday morning.

Mr. Ward said he had been notified by the Mukden municipal government to the effect that he, together with all foreign members of the Consulate-General staff and dependents, must leave Mukden within 48 hours after 8 a.m. Monday, December 5, China time.

Mr. McDermott expressed the hope that the State Department can free by Christmas the two U.S. Naval fliers held by the Chinese Communists for 13 months.

While Tientsin is in the area nominally covered by the Nationalist blockade, Mr. McDermott said, American ships are calling there regularly, and the three American vessels which are expected to make the port between December 6 and 17 are about the normal number for that period.

Letter To Mayor

Mr. Ward also reported in his conversation with Mr. Clubb on Friday morning that he had previously written to the Mayor of Mukden, asking to be informed on Saturday of the date when he and his staff could expect transportation facilities.

He had further asked for three days advance notice in which to make final preparations.

The Communists granted this request, Mr. McDermott said.

The State Department accordingly expects that Mr. Ward and his staff and their dependents will leave Mukden early next week by train to Tientsin, he said.—United Press.

DORSETSHIRE TO
TAKE DUTCH
TROOPS FROM
INDONESIA

Amsterdam, December 3. The 11,000-ton British troopship Dorsetshire of the Bibby Line has been chartered by the Dutch Government and Rotterdam Lloyd shipping companies for the repatriation of Dutch troops in Indonesia.

The Dorsetshire, which has accommodation for 843 passengers, will leave Batavia for Amsterdam on January 17. To meet the heavy demand for passage from Indonesia to the Netherlands, measures are being taken to charter additional ships in 1950.—Reuter.

NEW PACT
ON SUGAR
PROPOSED

Washington, December 2.

A new international sugar agreement was urged today as the best way to avoid a world surplus of sugar.

Mr. David M. Keiser, Chairman of the United States-Cuba Sugar Council, made the recommendation at an informal meeting of sugar industry representatives at the Agriculture Department. Cuba has proposed renewing an agreement in effect prior to World War Two.

Mr. Keiser said in a prepared statement: "While there may be no prospect of a serious surplus of sugar in the world during the year 1950, one could develop, in the absence of proper international control, very shortly thereafter."

"It is therefore of the utmost importance that the machinery for such control be in existence before an emergency arises."

The proposed agreement would allot quotas to world producing areas, and bind importing areas to adhere to the treaty.

Unlike the sugar agreement of 1937, it also would have some controls over prices.

At an Agriculture Department hearing on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Keiser urged the Department to take the lead in trying to bring about a new international agreement.

The Department hearing was on U.S. sugar needs for 1950. The Secretary of Agriculture will set the estimate some time this month.—Associated Press.

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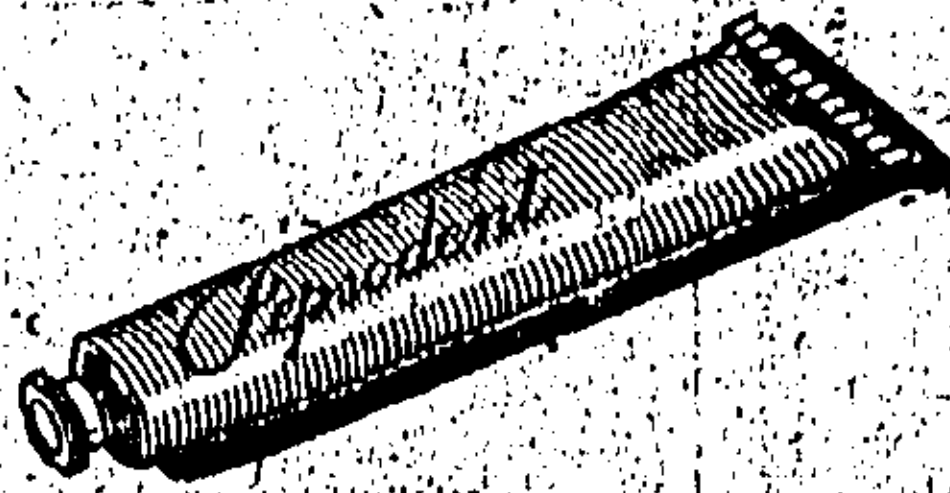
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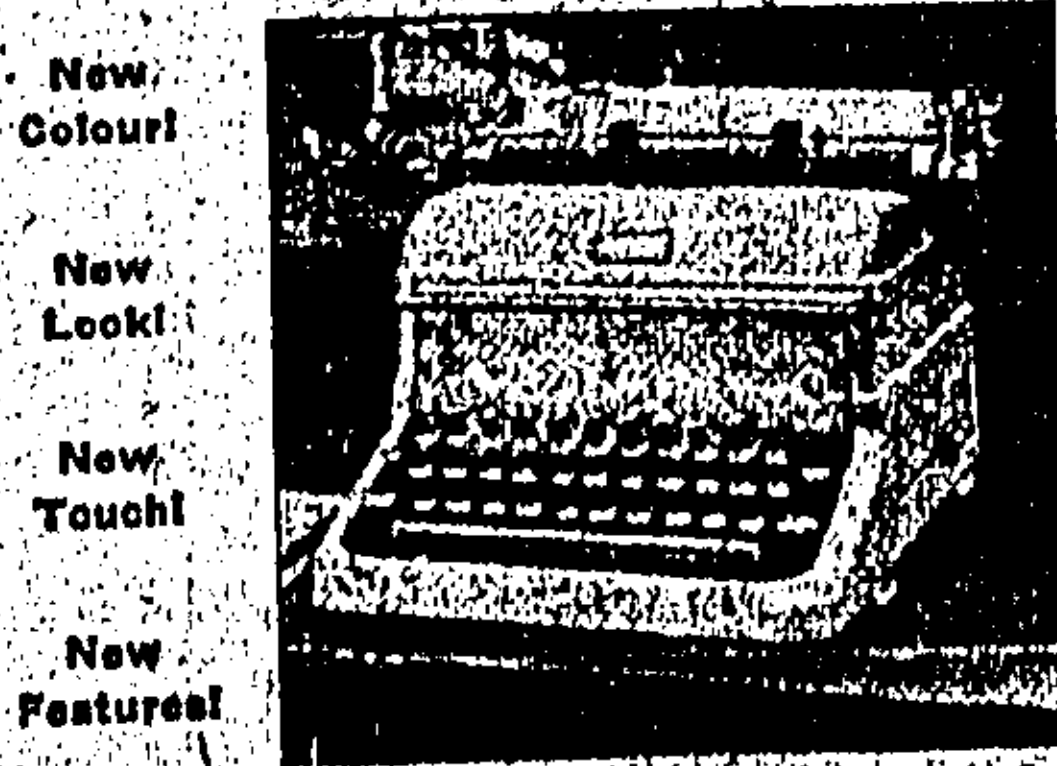
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Behind The Political Scene

By ALASTAIR FORBES

TORIES KEEP PRODDING

The unsatisfactorily brief and restricted debate, which was all that Mr. Morrison was willing to grant for the first discussion of foreign affairs since last July, will nevertheless have given a few crumbs of encouragement to those who in foreign countries have lately been despairing of National Socialist Britain's desire to play a sufficient part in building a strong and united Europe.

Those, especially, who do not despair of the intelligence of the British electorate will have been gratified to hear from Mr. Harold Macmillan, a statesman supremely fitted, should his party gain office, to be the next Foreign Secretary, the following opinion: "I do not think the Council of Europe can survive, still less achieve its purpose, without full British participation. Yet if it perishes, the last hope of peace perishes with it." Fresh evidence has been forthcoming that the Conservative leaders are not going to rest for one minute from the persistent prodding which has been necessary to get Mr. Bevin huffing and puffing his lumbering way towards a coherent and constructive policy.

The Foreign Secretary was shaken from his usual complacency by the critical survey to which Mr. Churchill subjected his long stewardship. His jaws clamped away in rhythmic movement, but there was about this gesture no cowl-like contentment. The sour cluck of criticism provided him with some very disagreeable chewing.

Vigorous Attack

Mr. Bevin's opening speech had contained little new information, and its manner of delivery was dreary enough to diminish the already scant attendance in the Chamber.

Outside the Commons people may wonder if the Foreign Secretary will be able to deliver his full term of office. Inside it they are usually more concerned as to whether he will be able to finish his sentence. Where there is so little continuity of thought, there can scarcely be much consistency of policy.

Of the latest developments in the Allies' German policy, under discussion by Dr. Adenauer and the three commissioners, there was no revelation, unless it was the confirmation of the lack of preparation for exploiting this hopeful turn in European affairs. Mr. Churchill's vigorous attack on the Government's dilatoriness

and lack of foresight was in sharp contrast to Mr. Bevin's interminable review. The style was to the Foreign Secretary's Chatham's—to a Chatham House catalogue of conferences.

The only weak spots in his brilliantly deployed arguments were where he carelessly implied that the dismantling policy was a British rather than an Allied responsibility, and where he curiously rather over-emphasized the bad effect of withdrawing our token force from Greece, where this move has been accepted with general understanding and without resentment.

Weakens The Cause

Mr. Churchill rightly stressed the unfortunate effect of Britain's support for Czechoslovakia on the Security Council and got no satisfactory answer on this point from Mr. Mayhew, who had been more occupied brushing up his Hurlingham Debating Society manner than in studying the important issues upon which his department was being questioned.

The so-called "gentlemen's agreements" at UN date back in many cases to the ugly horse-trading deals to which Mr. Attlee and Mr. Eden were party at San Francisco, but there is no possible point in respecting them now.

The continuation of this sort of Foreign Office appeasement wins no reciprocal advantages, and weakens the cause of all who are trying to throw off Muscovite dictation.

For a Government spokesman on such occasions to accuse more experienced statesmen on the Opposition side of "hysteria" proves nothing except that Government's own tendency both to hysteria and to appeasement.

Mr. Mayhew, it appears, does not deserve more serious respect as a Minister than his recent American outburst has already earned him. While young Mr. Hector McNeill has proved a fine Minister of State, younger Mr. Mayhew seems to be a feeble and merely servile Under-Secretary.

The real problems of Europe, and of the debate, was summed up by a Labour M.P. Mr. Crawley in the one word "Germany." Mr. Crawley is better known perhaps as the Old Harroldian husband of the American gossip-writer Miss Virginia Cowles, whose impressionistic sketch of post-war Britain will be discussed in this space next week.

The theme of his long speech, which was valuable in many ways, was the incontrovertible proposition that "unless we throw our weight into Western Europe in a far clearer way than



we have done so far, then there is no doubt whatever that the Germans within a few years will be the dominant power in Western Europe.

The Russian Menace

Mr. Crawley, along with Mr. Crossman and Mr. Lee of Manchester, are among the very few Socialists who seem to have grasped this, and who are rightly urging that we do everything possible to back up the French in ensuring that Germany's more rapid reintegration into Western Europe is accompanied by proper security safeguards.

It is a pity that Mr. Crawley's reliability as a witness should have to be thrown into occasional doubt by such rash and preposterous statements as his reference to Lord Beaverbrook as Mr. Churchill's "closest associate."

But it is welcome to find that he is not alone in his party in repudiating what must now be called the Wavell-Zilliacus line that it is Germany and not Russia that constitutes the greatest threat to peace today.

The gravity of the never-weakening Russian menace was stressed in many weighty speeches, notably in those of Lord John Hope, Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Mott-Radclyffe, and Mr. Macmillan.

The need for relentless toughness in resisting Russian encroachment and for exploiting to the maximum the rifts which are appearing in Communist ranks, Titoist as well as Stalinist, is greater than ever, and any tendency to complacency or weakened appeasement on the part of Western Governments must continue to be challenged by enlightened members of all political parties.

Pound y Dollar

Sir Stafford Cripps gave a Press conference in which he attempted to dismiss the seriousness of the very low quotations now being obtained for the pound sterling in many parts of the world.

He will be encouraged to see the latest subscription rates of the Socialist New Statesman and Nation, which is still soliciting readers abroad on the basis of 5s or 1s, thus quoting the pound at the staunchly reactionary rate of \$4.03, or will he rather be vexed to detect such a deliberate disincentive to increased dollar sales of this cultural export?

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

My! but it's catching. If I see a girl with nice clothes but untidy hair, I mutter to myself, "A swept-up job." The dark blue Service has become a "Naval Type," and asking the identity of a brass hat across the room I heard myself saying, "Who is the brown job?"

The reason for all this is that I have been visiting the RAF station at Hawking, near Folkestone, which is a training depot for the WRAF as well as a mixed station. Though the men in this case are outnumbered, there are two officers and 60 men on the regular staff.

The Commanding Officer of this station holds a rank equal to that of a full Army colonel, and with the same absolute power over all personnel, even of detention if need be.

With this information in mind I found the RAF an intriguing character. Group Officer Dunne is a tall, slender, fair-haired young woman in the very early thirties.

Her voice is quiet, and so are her hands—she never fidgets. There is no pale shadow of a man, but a woman with brains and natural authority very 1949.

(thing from Churchill to Thurber). I had tea the first day with members of the Officer Cadets Training Unit (OCTU), some of whom were cadets who were rising from the ranks; the others (16 of them) are known on the station as "Our Educated Ladies." These are all university graduates who have been teaching in civilian life. Their



qualifications allow them to enter the Service with a commission, and they come to Hawking to learn how to be WRAF officers as well as teachers.

These girls are all between 20 and 25 years old. They are teachers of all subjects, from geography, through modern language and classics, to girls like Flying Officer Ursula Gregg, a 22-year-old biologist and chemist from London University. F. O. Gregg is a pretty girl too. She was educated at a PNEU school in Beverly Hills, U.S.

Asked why she joined the WRAF she said she liked to travel, she also like companionship of her own age, neither of which advantages seemed available to a civilian teacher.

All the "educated ladies" gave this answer. They didn't say much about the security or pay, though another pretty girl, F.O. Adcock, said she found the pay better than civilian life because mess bills cost less than living in digs. I said, what about marriage? They laughed and said they were too busy on the course just now.

My visit coincided with another course which was for non-commissioned officers. This was called an "Administrative Course" (hereafter called Admin.) and is about pretty well everything from soup to nuts in the Service.

All N.C.O.s are expected to be able to take over responsibility of other ranks at a moment's notice, so they must have a working knowledge of how to clean out a barrack, how to deal with day-to-day matters involving

Service law, such as minor offences or granting a leave pass, etc.

There is also a good deal of applied psychology in Admin. Girls who have never before held authority are taught the difficult art of using and not abusing the position.

While the exam. results were coming through I sat around and talked with the girls. I asked if they minded the somewhat Spartan barracks in which they slept, and the inevitable physical training. They said the barracks soon warmed up when occupied, and they all felt better for the outdoor life.

There was A.C.W.2 Mona Currie ("I'm the absolute bottom rank so far") from Edinburgh. She had been a secretary to a dentist, but saw no future in it. She figured the £1 a week A.C.W.s. start with is a bit thin for those who get no help from home.

However, a bit higher up, Sergeant Gladys Fulford, a wireless operator, who comes from Southampton, thought the pay was fine. Dark-haired, blue-eyed Sergeant Fulford has had eight years in the Service, and has a nice tan from her travels. She's been to France, Germany, Palestine, and Aden.

What do they actually DO? Well, aside from the obvious domestic jobs, there are various trades in which they can train. These are: Electricians, Radar mechanics, wireless fitters, photographers, muses, nursing, transport mechanics, drivers, hairdressers, interpreters, all kinds of clerks—and "musical" is also listed as a trade.

A parent might ask, does the Service give a girl any training which she can bring back into civilian life? (You can leave at the end of four years if you wish.)

Well, the above list speaks for itself, but let's take a few extracts from an "exam" paper. Twenty-year-old A.C.W. Greta Salter (she'll be a corporal by now) had to write an essay on "The duties of an N.C.O."

"An important thing in an N.C.O. is her poise and bearing as it reflects her character. She should be able to set an example off and on duty should be helpful and sympathetic to an airwoman who is in distress. She should be able to control a number of people without losing her temper. To gain confidence of the airwoman for though an N.C.O. is given a certain amount of authority that is not the same as having people look up to you."

Those precepts would fit all right into a civilian world. Marriage! These girls laughed at the question too, and said they weren't interested in marriage. Well, well, I guess the feeling of self-respect they get from a job they are proud of, the chance to see something of the world, the painless education and cheerful companionship will make a very adequate substitute—until, maybe, the right man comes along.



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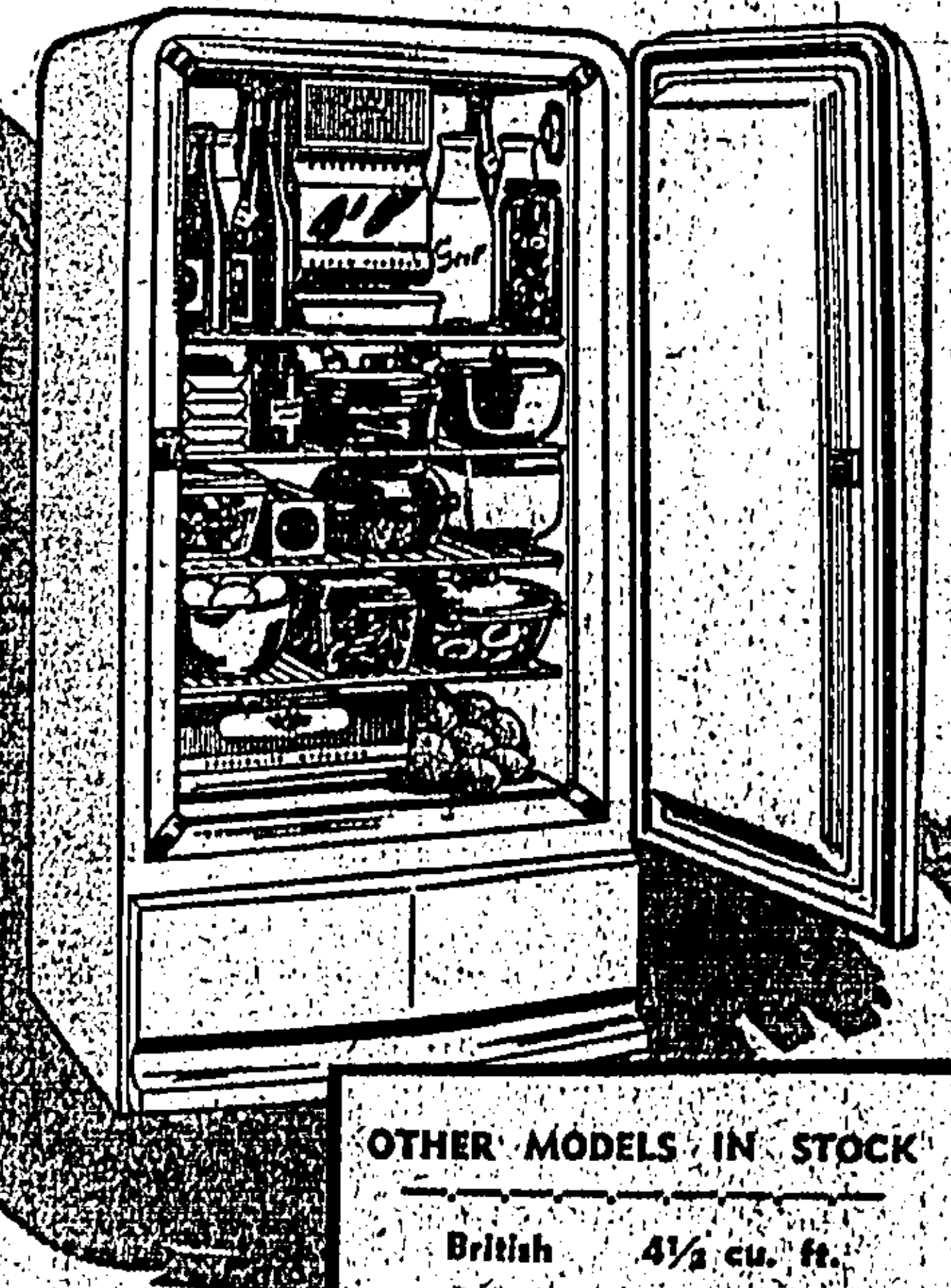
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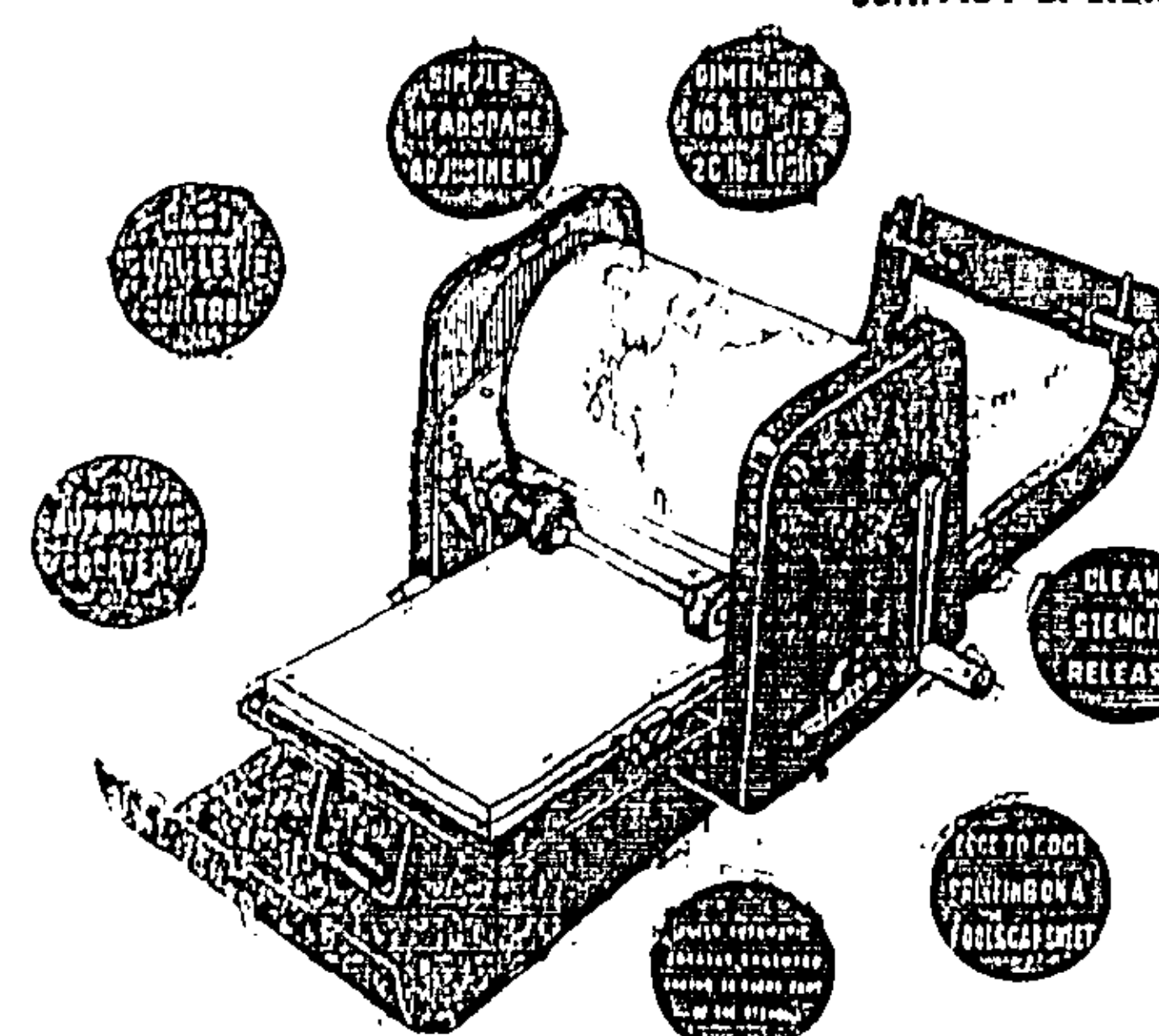
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INSIDE INFORMATION

By MERCURY

British and American geologists are making a global map of world uranium deposits for the Combingd Chiefs of Staff in Washington.

European exporters to the United States are providing against a fall in the dollar's gold value in drawing up their contracts for spring deliveries.

Several Czechoslovak diplomats, called home to Prague, have been refused asylum in the West because they served the Communist regime too long.

The U.S. State Department is to have a diplomatic representative in Tibet.

American security teams will visit Britain this month to inspect British Army depots and dumps where U.S. Military aid weapons will be stored.

The Czechoslovak Mission to the Rhine Army has resigned in a body and will not return to Prague.

Hungarian delegates with powers to dispose of £750,000 are in London negotiating with British companies whose property in Hungary is confiscated.

U.S. generals are worried at the high proportion of Communists in a new housing estate beside a U.S. Federal air base.

A British Arctic expedition is going to Cornwallis Island to join Canada in study of cosmic rays.

American radio companies are any of accepting advertising contracts for British goods.

Yapca has a plan to harness 10-knot tide waves and generate double her present electric power.

The Skoda work in Czechoslovakia have been integrated standardize their munitions production to Soviet calibres.

American suspect that the Argentine, now buying abroad, will purchase largely from Britain and reduce her dollar trade.

In nearly a month of laying the ear to the ground, election scouts are at it to determine what advances the Government or Opposition campaigns.

Although the Government's campaign about socialism reveals that it has seen the writing on the wall, the Prime Minister, amidst the while striking an attitude as a chosen leader well satisfied with his record.

The canned speech with which he opened his campaign, made no attempt to plan the future, the one thing in which electioneers are interested whatever their politics. There was a good deal of preening about a straight honest undertaking to do the best for Australia without making any glittering promises, and then a curious sketching of Labour's record since it took office, with emphasis on improvements in social service.

The main issue of socialization versus free enterprise was skirted, and Communist, Nationalist and other groups were equally brushed aside in the briefest and laziest exposition of Government policy ever tossed to the people.

If the Prime Minister succeeds in selling the election the idea that he is responsible for full employment they are likely to find themselves even more fully extended in the near future in an effort to hold prices and living levels because high export prices—and only high export prices—are the basic reason for our shaky prosperity.

Opposition Leader Menzies, who got off to a rousing start had an unexpected setback when he became host to the cold news that is flourishing in the frankish weather and creating more nuisance than the independent candidates. Experienced politicians that he is, Mr. Menzies senses that certain something in the public mind needs a prophet or the son of a prophet to interpret.

Against the more, or less feeble job, applause for Labour's attack at compulsory military training are the sharp pointers of the multitude of the church warning on socialism and Communism, and the unexpected setback when he became host to the cold news that is flourishing in the frankish weather and creating more nuisance than the independent candidates.

The cost of this radio consultation is being paid from funds collected by the RMA to fight the free medicine legislation before the High Court and the election have been cancelled until they can align themselves to refuse their radio talks with their name and address.

Some straight talking at the annual get-together of co-operative building societies proved that we are too far getting to the position where the average worker just cannot finance the purchase of a home out of the pay envelope.

Indeed barely one family in a hundred can make up the necessary deposit even though it might manage to slimp and meek repayments.

Current interest rates of 3% for 100 per cent add to the burden of home builders as costs rise, and they never seem to abate rising.

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Workers' Equalization which before the war cost £380,000 and is anticipated that this figure will be increased to £3,200 next year, but the crystal is cloudy on who will be financial enough to aspire and it most certainly won't be the tradesmen and white collar workers who contributed the fire-war purchases.

Only solution to the construction lag which should be double the present figure seems to be Government-built or Government-subsidised houses, but they won't be cheaper until there is a vastly increased production of building material, and the cost cannot be reduced while the pound is gradually slipping down.

Among the various new enterprises chafing at the restraints of money and material is the proposed 100,000 sq. ft. factory which it will be able to produce an aluminium car priced at about £450. Ex-servicemen are anxious to co-operate with Mr. Harcourt's plans to bring 800 British families to Australia to help in the new job, and in negotiating with the Victorian Government to provide homes near the factory site.

The venture has the blessing of Industrial Development which has recommended every assistance from Cabinet.

Rayon Production

The growth of knitting and weaving factories, inter alia, have lured Courtland's, to enter into rayon production in Australia and they plan to have two factories working by the end of 1945 at an estimated cost of from £100 to £150 million, possibly £120 million. The State has been anxious for this industrial fish, and there's quite a bit of heartburning now that it seems certain that New South Wales is to have both factories.

First to go up will be at Tomago near Newcastle where it is planned to produce about 6,000,000 lbs. of high tenacity viscose yarn a year. Although the final decision has not been given it is fairly certain that the second factory, which is to produce acetate yarns will either be built at Murrumbidgee or on a site near Sydney.

Hot on the trail are representatives from the Bradford Rye, Australia who want 10 acres of land somewhere between Sydney and Adelaide, but they want it handy to railways, water, coal, electricity, and labour. This firm aims to spend £250,000 on a rayon factory, and makes no secret of the fact that it sees big profits in rayon in Australia and wants to be in on the ground floor.

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What must be Australian most unusual school has been founded by a returned airman, Captain P. G. Taylor, hero of the Southern Cross, flying over the Tasman and who, with the help of the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith in a single engine monoplane.

Returning from service on the North Atlantic air route with 650 little daughters at school age, the pioneer of air travel, blazed a new trail when he found there was no school in the high district of the North, where he decided to make his home.

Neighbours welcomed the idea and lessons were started on a new school in the high district of the North, where he decided to make his home.

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The Roman Catholics have a "troublesome" situation in the diocese of the Roman Catholics in the Commonwealth to establish a university. Also, where socialists are in the majority, the diocese of the Roman Catholics in the Commonwealth to establish a university.

After a tiresome airing of pre-judice and ignorance, the subject was handed to give publicity to a Church of England minister who got Sydney to agree to "ban" dancing in churches. The functions "because" he saw it as the first step to sexual immorality, with further pointing of the bone at football, golf and cards as avenues to drink and gambling.

The "ban" on dancing in churches, which destroys its appeal to the masses, and its potential influence on public opinion.

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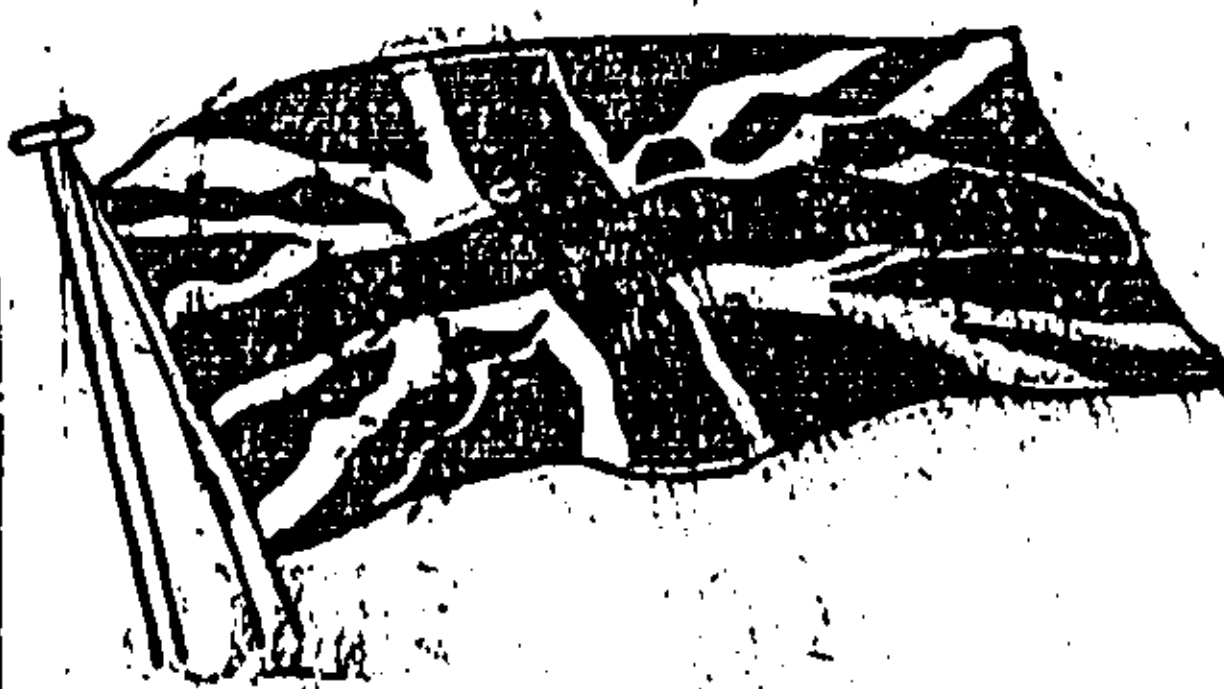
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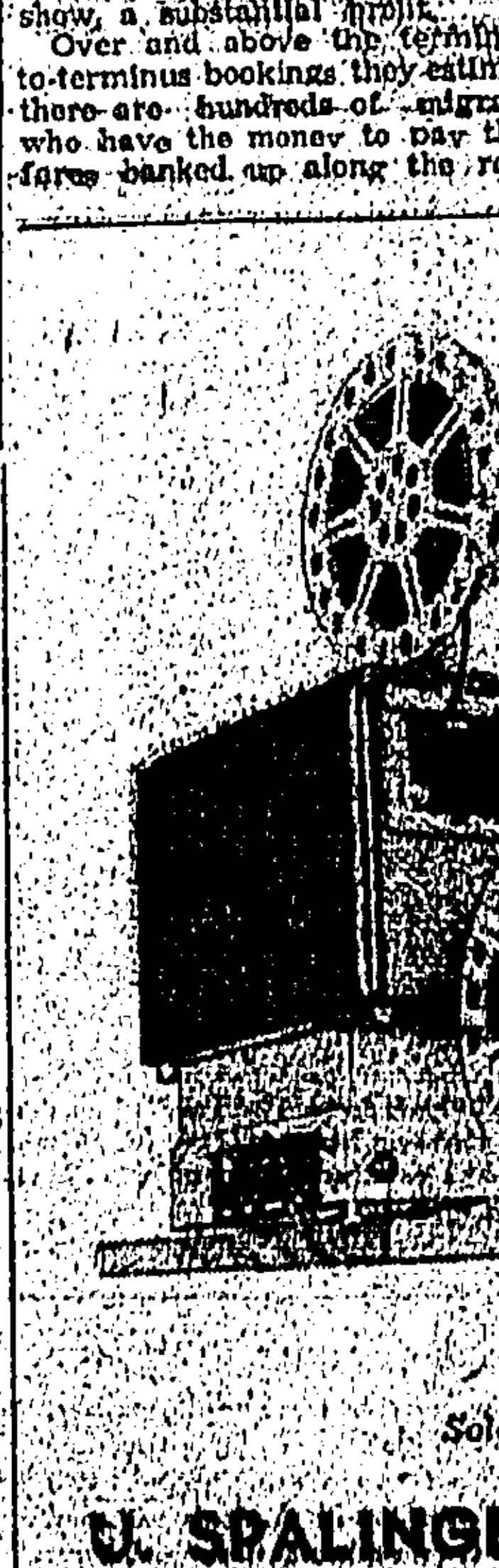
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By WILLIAM POWER

To have won distinction as a seaman commanding great liners in two world wars, and also as a writer, is the achievement of Captain Sir David Bone whose sea classic, "The Broomhedge," has been republished in a revised edition, and whose book on merchantmen in the second world war is about to appear.

That David Bone served his apprenticeship in sail in the 1880's was a piece of singular good fortune, because otherwise there would have been little first-hand record, permanently readable, of Scotland's share in that world of sailing ships that was passing away when, in 1909, Bone signed off in the full-rigged Glasgow ship Lach Ness and "went into steam."

That world, in my youth, was familiar to me at second-hand. My father was a shipmaster, and began his sea life as a cabin boy on the apprentice's deck-house on a famous white clipper, the Red Jacket. In the old days of hard tack and weevily biscuits, when fists and belaying-pins were

among the instruments of command and "black draught" was number one in a "line-jockey's" medicine chest.

My younger brother was an apprentice on the Glasgow sailing ship Murayshire and shared her fate when she vanished somewhere East of Java. I had uncles, cousins, companions who sailed in wind-jammers, some of them rose to command.

I spent whole afternoons mooning about the Glasgow docks. I had bouts of go-frevo, but they were for "lucky finds" and not for "perilous seas" or the life of a sailor. I had heard too much about that, and I was not of the stuff of which "captains courageous" are made.

Rover And Dreamer

My closest friend, who died at 24, was a born rover and dreamer. He had an uncanny faculty for rendering the atmosphere of his strange experiences, so that I almost fancied they had happened to myself. He had gone round the Horn to "fish" as an "ordinary seaman" in the Glasgow barque Evelyn.

In casual fragments, with subtle shades of accent and character-drawing, he brought alive to me the whole queer world of the old-time seafaring, with its hardships, friendships, antipathies, and heroisms, wild scenes, and the incredible conversations of the old shell-backs, big dreamy children to whom "shore" meant chiefly pubs and the emptying boarding-houses where sailors were doped and robbed. The slaves of the cotton plantations in old Dixie were not more thoroughly cheated of life than the great fellows who "bluffed the eternal sea."

At the great story of merchantmen in the world war shows, the intrinsic qualities of seamen had certainly not suffered by the passing of sail. Human heroisms reached its summit in the Murnumk convoys. Yet something was bound to have been lost when machinery took the place of sails and cordage and human hands. Much of the poetry of seafaring had gone. It must have been the unconscious sense of that poetry that, in my young days, made boys "wild" ones, forsake dull urban comfort and "run away to sea."

Edward Gaitens has beautifully described the passion of a Glasgow boy for the noble sailing ship La France. Once I saw her at sea in full sail. It was a grander sight than Mont Blanc at sunrise or the front of York Minster in moonlight. It was like Faustus's vision of Helen of Troy. Pictures may render the majestic spread of white wings, but not the splendidly gentle judding of the waves. Even in her motion there was rest.

Private Lives No. 10—Robert Montgomery

BOB IS NO ORDINARY HERO

By NORMAN PRICE

It may startle the fans of Robert Montgomery to be told he has a brain. He conceals this dubious asset skillfully behind the mischievous blue of wide boyish eyes.

His reward for such deception is a huge income and status adoration of half a million women who write for his signed photograph.

But the real Montgomery is not the man they see in films. Listen to him at lunch, watch him work. There is a family resemblance to that magnified face which smiles handsomely from the screen. But nothing more. The real man has a brain like Einstein, a set of moral scruples sharp keen as surgical tools.

When Britain declared war on Germany in 1939 Robert Montgomery abandoned a lush career in Hollywood immediately though his family had been American since 1758.

While many Americans patied each other's shoulders, declaring this time they would not be lured into fighting Europe's battles, the Montgomery shoulders were differently employed.

Sank Two Jap Submarines

Upon them were falling the Christmas snowflakes of 1939 in the battlefields of France where he drove an ambulance for England.

Asked why, his answer was: "Because it's a question of what you can do to help." When Paris fell he wanted to get his passport franked so he could sail to join the U.S. Navy.

Only a few Hollywood heroes fought in that war, even after the United States officially entered it. Montgomery was not only one of them—he was the first of them.

Within five years he wore a bronze star for Normandy gallantry as a naval destroyer commander. His Pacific ribbons were knotted with combat stars and speeches. His destroyer guns had barked death to two Jap submarines.

Get him relaxed, and he may eventually talk of such things as one day off the island Espiritu Santo, beyond smoking Guadalcanal, where his ship, the United States destroyer Barton, had been on duty 11 deadly months.

"Share leave consisted of landing on a bare, mosquito-infested beach," Montgomery remembers, "drinking a can of warm beer because drink was forbidden on board ship, then stumbling back into the liberty boat to return to the ship again."

His crew were growing morose, quick-tempered. They had spent nearly a year, hooped by a tiny warship's hot steel bulkheads, on the limits of death.

Sunbrowned, fever-shivering Commander Montgomery thought it over. One night he broke into the desolatory mess talk to ask a question, don't want I don't want an answer for 48 hours," he said.

His officers and crew pricked up their ears. He had the respect of these men. "What's the question, sir?" they asked.

Commander Montgomery reached for a malaria pill. "I want to know," he said, "who is the enemy?"

The men exchanged puzzled glances. But the more they thought, the deeper went the question. For two days the little ship seethed.

Who indeed WAS the enemy? Their Commander waited, a familiar glimmer of mischief in his fever-bright blue eyes.

"After two days," he recalls, "I received a deputation with their reply. The enemy, his crew

had unanimously decided, meant any nation that chose to beat down its political opponents by bullets instead of votes.

From then on the crew of the U.S. destroyer Barton sorted out their own questions. They had begun to think. Their "baby-faced skipper" had shirled something.

He was a good officer, Montgomery.

"He's A Swell Guy"

Thus, when in Grosvenor Square, London, a rushing Fleet-street woman asked a United States Navy job: "Do you ever see anything of that film star—Robert Montgomery?" she got the reply she deserved.

"Lady," said the sailor sternly, "nods to that film stuff. He's in the Navy now, like me. And that's the way he wants it. He's one swell guy, lady!"

Had Dewey been elected President of the United States, Montgomery would have become assistant Secretary of the Navy in Washington and would have made no more films.

Today, although films are his business again, he is still fighting. One of his best friends is James Cagney. They sail each other. Montgomery founded the Screen Actors' Guild of 1936 members 10 years ago, resisted attempts of American gangsters to take command of the union with bombs and knives.

Once he rushed at the moguls of Metro-Goldwyn, brandishing his trade union principles like a crusader's axe. Now he owns his own film-production company, chooses his own films, seeks out his own supporting cast.

I watched him one hot day in London recently, interviewing actors for character roles. To each he rose amiably from his seat, shook hands, apologized for bringing them down to Teddington.

"Awfully nice of you to come," he said. "Sorry to bring you down here, but I am so new to things here. And I have to see things. He listened, head cocked slightly, with encouraging smile to details of former film employment.

Took Job As A Labourer

Then, as each applicant departed, he turned, wiped nervous moisture from his fingers. "I hate this," he murmured, "I know what they go through at these interviews."

He does. When he was 10, his father, vice-president of a rubber company, died suddenly, penniless. Bob left his costly school, got a job as railway labourer to keep his mother, then went to sea as a deck-hand. He sought, crowded-work in films to earn dollars between voyages.

Now, 40 years old, he perches on the edge of his presidential chair, frowns over documents that lie on his desk in Teddington Studios. Thick brown horn-rimmed spectacles clasp his brow. His hair, glittering with white bristles, is combed back. His lips, pursed with thoughtful gold pencil, he scratches out a line from a story.

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But all his social graces do not contrive to give him complete ease in company. Sometimes, he stutters a little. Partly, perhaps, he worries privately about whether or not he did the right thing.

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It is a film script of Montgomery's own plot, the story of a friendship between an American and a British "Somebody" putting up £250,000. Montgomery believes that sum entitles them to have every word of the shooting script checked before the cast starts assembling on the studio floor at a cost of more than £2,000 a day.

During the war, his home was at Stoke Poges. Eleven ragged London children, encased in the Montgomerys' taught



ROBERT MONTGOMERY

Bob cricket, cheered him when he turned out for the Little Marlow cricket club.

Montgomery's wife, ex-actress Elizabeth Allen, still sends them food and sweet parcels. She carries her own shopping basket among the village shops at Towners, in New York State, where they have a two-story farmhouse and two teenage children.

Their other mansion at fashionable Bel Air, in California, was made like this. Montgomery had a scale-model built. Every doorway door-knob, even the shazels in the garden. The cost—about £200. "It's cheaper to make alterations on a model," he explained. It was. His architect decided the model saved about 5,000 dollars on construction costs.

Bob is a good guest. At a recent dinner his hostess apologized saying: "I am sorry there is nothing but fish—only sole."

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This rubber-stamp apology in the despatching: Puffed posture of a profoundly self-critical man. But he is too shy to use it.

Yet he is not without social graces. His life is a physical prowess as an exhumed as a hot pavement. New York (Inquest and... Tennis Club (exclusive) Links Club (very exclusive; he plays polo, hunts, has a pilot's license, yachts, plays the piano, sings acceptable tenor, shoots...)

The Talk Was—Politics

Chiefs, however, Montgomery talks of politics, using careful phrases. (The concept of a compromise... The concept of a compromise... The concept of a compromise...)

He walked into the hotel lift demanding views on the infiltration of Communists into trade unions.

In his apartment it took him six minutes to shower and change. He, dressed, filled his humble brown leather cigarette-case ("I smoke anything"). It bears his facsimile signature in thin gold.

Then he shut the door longingly upon the privacy of his two rooms, and went out into London to the waiting party. ("I hope there isn't too much to drink—two cocktails are the brink of ruin to me!"). His wife had flown to Paris, unable to resist the shops. Husband, Montgomery was like a small without its shell in her absence.

On the pavement a well-dressed woman touched his coat lapel. "Good luck, Bob, Montgomery!" He bowed slightly, smiled politely. "Thank you, madame!" Then he continued his talk (still politics).

His clothes are so sober the film people think he is eccentric. Quiet suits of best English cloth. New York tailored. Simpler, facts of unemotional grey or brown, plaid, and white poplin shirts. U.S. price 15s.

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In his next "Private Lives" article, Norman Price meets Marlene Dietrich.

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PYJAMA GIRL'S DISAPPEARANCE FROM LINER

London, December 3.

The British government tried today to unravel the mystery of a pretty pyjama-clad girl who vanished from a luxury liner at sea. The girl, Miss Gwenda McCallum, an Australian, disappeared from the Orient liner Orca on the night of October 30 while it steamed through the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Melbourne on the way to London.

The liner docked in London on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Transport held an official inquiry to confirm the shipping company's report that she met "death by disappearance." Its findings will be communicated to the Melbourne police.

Principal witness was Alistair Cameron, 30-year-old British civil servant in Fiji, who was returning to Britain on the Orca for home leave.

Mr. Cameron said he met Miss McCallum at a Sydney hotel just before the boat sailed. He said she came on board the ship without a ticket and remained "either accidentally or deliberately" until after it sailed. He testified that she had no money and that he paid her fare as far as Melbourne.

Went To Cabin

Mr. Cameron said he accompanied the girl to her cabin that night, lent her a pair of pyjamas and stayed with her until about 3.30 a.m. He had been introduced to Miss McCallum in Sydney by two friends whom he called "a Mr and Mrs. Mann."

About 2.30 a.m. the same morning that he left the girl's cabin and went to his own, Mr. Mann and a couple of other men he did not know came into his cabin and woke him up.

He said they asked him to come up for a drink and he told them to go away and went to sleep again.

He heard the next day that they went from his cabin to Miss McCallum's but did not know how long they stopped there, he said.—Associated Press.

SPANISH AS A UN LANGUAGE

Washington, December 2. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation voted today, subject to approval at a later plenary session, to include Spanish as a working language when the organisation is established at its permanent headquarters in Rome.

The language resolution adding Spanish to the other two working languages, English and French, was approved in committee. The approval of a plenary session will be required before the decision is binding.—Reuter.

Expelled MP To Oppose Mr. Attlee

London, December 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is likely to be opposed in his Walthamstow, Essex, constituency at the general election, next year by Mr. Lester Hutchinson, one of a group of Labour Members of Parliament recently expelled by the Labour Party.

Mr. Hutchinson has provisionally accepted an invitation by a group of Walthamstow political interests to contest the Prime Minister's seat as a Labour independent candidate.

He told Reuter tonight "that the invitation had come from people who had left the Labour Party in disgust at its policy." They included trade unionists.

At a meeting to make his candidature official would be held this month, and he would then explain fully why he is standing against Mr. Attlee.—Reuter.

PI TO MEDIATE IN INDIA

Manila, December 3.

Two high-ranking Philippine diplomatic officials have been designated by President Quirino to sit in an international body which will supervise a referendum which will be held next February to settle the territorial conflict between India and France.

They are Salvador Lopez, alternate delegate of General Romulo in the United Nations Assembly, and Lucas Madamba, Foreign Office councillor on political and economic affairs.

The deputation of two was requested by India. The officials are to be in New Delhi next month.

A referendum will be held in the French-Indian settlements of Pondicherry, Karikal, Mahe and Yanam to determine whether they are to remain part of the French Union or should secede to India.—United Press.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR LONDON

London, December 2.

Twelve London areas will have illuminated replicas of the Norwegian Christmas tree in Trafalgar square.

The London County Council has selected 12 sites where Norwegian spruce trees, generously illuminated with fairy lights can be set up over Christmas.

Illuminations will begin in the week before Christmas and the tree will remain lit for two weeks.—Reuter.

POLITICAL STALEMATE MAY RESULT AFTER THE NEXT ELECTIONS

London, December 3.

Political quarters in Britain believe that the next Government, whatever its political colour, may have a much shorter life than the present Labour Administration, now over four years old.

In all-party circles today, there is a growing fear that the forthcoming General Election, whenever it is held, may produce a political stalemate which would result in a further dissolution within some 18 months of the new Government taking office.

The major issue of the Election, due any time between now and next July, when the Government's present mandate expires, is fairly clear-cut.

The electorate has to decide whether the Socialists or the Conservatives are best fitted to extricate Britain from her present economic difficulties.

It is, however, recognised that some last-minute political bogey, such as has produced a landslide in the past, may again influence the swing to left or right.

But political quarters feel that such considerations as the Government's record of achievement, or "Next five year plans" from either Socialists or Conservatives, are likely to weigh less now than they would in normal circumstances.

Both Socialist and Conservative official quarters are optimistic of victory. But there is no general expectation of a spectacular reversal of the present balance of opposing forces.

A view widely held among political observers is that if there were an election now, Labour would probably "scrape" back into Government with a much reduced majority.

Many Government opponents—and a proportion of its supporters—predict that if Labour waits another six months, until the full effects of devaluation have become apparent, the Party's chances will be considerably reduced.

Aco Card

Labour has a majority of nearly 200 in the present Parliament. No party is expected to achieve a majority of more than about 60 in the next.

The more optimistic sections of the Labour Party say that in spite of sectional public criticism of economic policy and fears that devaluation will push up the cost of living, the Government still has an unbeatable election card in full employment.

They argue that through the whole of the Labour Administration, unemployment has been kept to purely nominal proportions, and that the figure last May, when the economic crisis was reaching a head, was the lowest on record. The number of unemployed was then 264,000—or 1.3 per cent of all insured workers.

"Full employment," and the "rich-and-poor, cradle-to-grave" social insurance schemes, will in the view of some, protect the Labour Party against a debacle, though they may not guarantee a decisive victory.

Conservatives and Socialists alike recognise that either party may just manage to win the day, with something short of an effective working majority.

It is calculated that a swing of between seven and eight per cent in the total British vote would be sufficient to turn the scales against Labour. That is to say if seven to eight per cent more of the electorate voted Conservative, and the same proportion fewer voted Labour, the Government would be defeated.

Tories On Their Toes

Labour won the 1945 General Election with nearly 12,000,000 votes. The Conservatives and their allies, the Liberal "Nationals," polled nearly 9,500,000 votes. "Orthodox" Liberals, the main Liberal Party, polled over 2,300,000 votes.

Party organisers have devoted the four years since the Election to an intensive drive up of support in the constituencies, and Government followers are the first to say that their work is likely to be reflected in a much bigger Conservative poll at the next Election.

The Conservatives are definitely "on their toes" for a "come-back," and if they suffer a defeat it will not be because of apathy among their supporters on polling day.

The big task of the Labour Party now is to infuse its supporters with a like fighting keenness. This has to be done against the background of the frozen wages policy and continued bewilderment over devaluation.

The Trades Union Congress, representing 8,000,000 industrial workers, a large part of Labour's support, has approved the devaluation policy.

Rank and file supporters, however, have to be swung behind the leaders in something more than an acceptance of the inevitable.

Labour's Task

It is generally believed in political circles here that the Conservative election organisation is at the moment geared to a higher pitch of mechanical efficiency than Labour. But this is a disability which the Labour Party organisers may be able to remedy quickly.

A bigger task, between now and "Election Day," is to inspire Labour supporters with the "keenness" which the Conservatives now claim from their supporters.

No political quarter is prepared to predict the outcome of an election. Paraphrasing the words of Jonathan M. Wainwright, "The Art of Blending, Science of Blending."

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COLONIAL COMMITTEE TO STAY

Flushing Meadow,

December 2.

Despite strong opposition by administering Powers, including Britain, the United Nations General Assembly today decided that its Special Committee, which examines information from non-self governing territories, should continue to exist for another three years.

The Assembly also decided by 30 votes to 12, with 10 abstentions, including the United States, that the Special Committee has the right to express its opinion on action taken by the administering Powers who decide that territories are no longer self-governing and stop submitting data.

It also decided that administering Powers must submit information each year on the status of human rights, geography and history. Hitherto, this had been optional.

The Assembly hoped that information on political progress would be included in the annual reports.

It invited administering Powers to give equal educational opportunities without discrimination between Europeans and natives.

Countries voting against giving the Committee wider powers were Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and South Africa.

Mr. Rao (India) declared, "We must infuse greater vitality into the provisions of the Charter so that millions of people today outside the direct supervision of the United Nations, may receive full self-government in the shortest possible period and quality themselves for direct membership."

"These are the legitimate functions of the General Assembly, which we cannot afford to surrender."

India believed that the Special Committee should be a permanent body, "in fact, a subsidiary of the United Nations." Mr. Rao added, "but we yielded, in a spirit of compromise and agreed to accept the United Nations' proposal for a 'three-years' term."

Reuter.

memories of the two previous Socialist administrations of 1924 and 1929-31, which indicated uneasy and short-lived office with Liberal support.

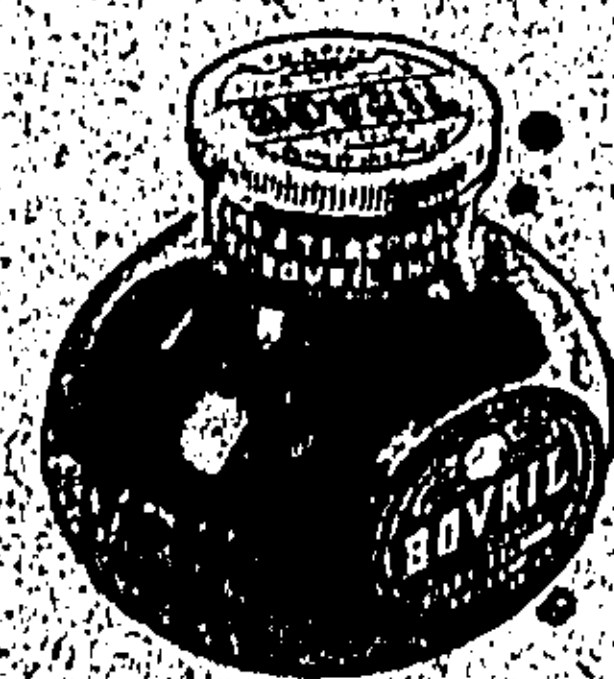
It is possible that the Liberals, whose present strength in the House of Commons is 12, might again find themselves holding the balance of power.

They will certainly not have enough candidates in the field to give them any real chance of becoming the Government, although they are hopeful of increasing their Parliamentary strength.

Other political quarters rate the Liberal prospects as poor and there is little real expectation that history will repeat itself in a Parliament with a Labour minority Government dependent for its existence on Liberal support.

Speculation on the possibility of a "National Government" comprising Labour, Conservatives and Liberals is discounted in most well-informed political circles where it is believed that the Labour Party would not take office without their own majority.—Reuter.

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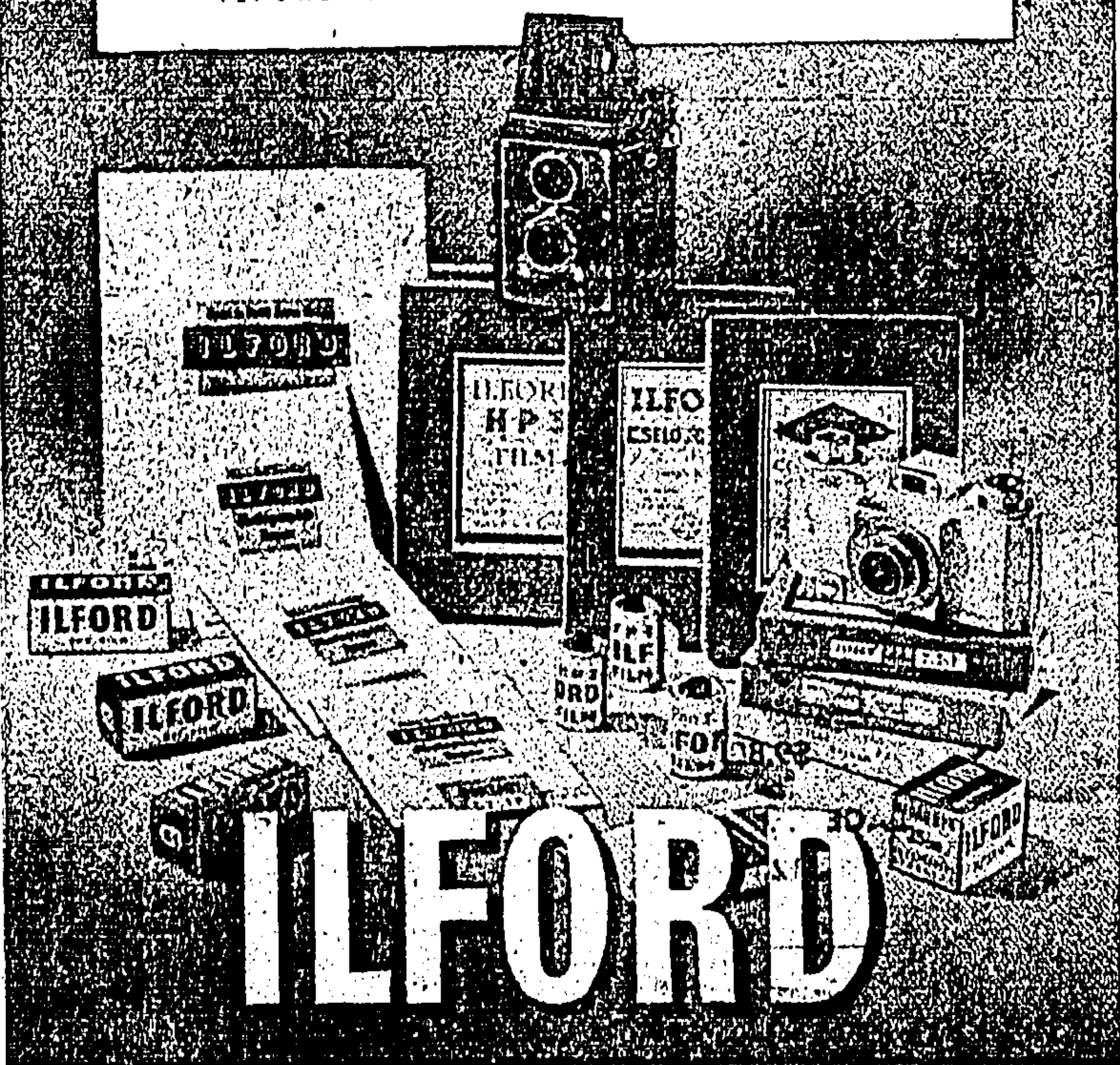
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BRITISH VIEWS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE STEP BASED ON FACT, NOT ON SYMPATHY PRIMARY CONSIDERATION

Lake Success, December 2.

Britain told the United Nations Political Committee today that recognition of the Communist regime in China must be based on fact and not on sympathy.

Sir Terence Shone, the British delegate, said that Britain is opposed to the proposal of Nationalist China that all United Nations members withhold diplomatic recognition of the Communists.

China has accused the Soviet Union of aiding the Communists and has asked the United Nations General Assembly to find the Soviet Union guilty of violating the United Nations Charter and her treaty of friendship with China.

At the request of Dr. T. T. Tsiang, the Chinese delegate, who said that he is awaiting fresh instructions from his Government, the Political Committee deferred any voting on the issue until next Monday.

On the question of recognition, Sir Terence Shone said that the British Government would be prepared to consider the Chinese people in an effort to preserve British commercial interests.

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Canton-Hankow Railway To Be Restored

San Francisco, December 2. The Chinese Communist radio announced tonight that rail traffic between Canton and Hankow will be restored by the end of this year.

This will link the South China Port with the Central China industrial and economic centre from where the Hankow-Peking Railway runs North.

The 1,200-mile Canton-Peking road is China's main North-South rail traffic artery. It suffered considerable damage as a result of the civil war.

With the resumption of Canton-Peking through-traffic, it becomes theoretically possible to travel by train from Hong Kong to Calcutta. —United Press.

WAVES AS CLUE TO MURDER

London, December 2.

Two doctors who have experimented with the brains of 64 murderers recommended today that a new wave-recording machine should be officially used to tell whether a murder has been committed in cold blood or hot temper.

The doctors are Dr. Fred Taylor, Medical Officer at London's Brixton Gaol, and Dr. David Stafford Clark, a psychiatrist.

Their report on the experiments, published by the British Medical Association, tells how the machine picks up minute electric charges continually given off by brain tissue and records them as waves on a chart.

Of the murderers they tested, nearly all those who killed for a violent motive had normal waves.

Over 70 per cent of the murderers who killed on sudden impulse with little or no motive had abnormally shaped waves.

The commonest abnormality is a special type of wave called the theta wave. Most children up to the age of four produce theta waves when annoyed. They disappear as the child learns self-control.

Adults who still have them are likely to commit crimes of violence when even slightly annoyed.

One murderer lived in the report strangled his sweetheart for no apparent reason and then told the police. He was found to have abnormal waves. —Reuter.

CONFERENCE IN SE ASIA

London, December 2.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, U E. Maung, disclosed in an interview with Reuter in London tonight that a conference of South East Asian countries concerned with the defence of their democratic integrity and sovereignty is likely to be held in February.

It is more or less generally felt, he said, "that the leadership of the conference will be given to India."

U E. Maung was about to leave by air for Rangoon on his way back from the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success.

The South East Asian conference, he said, will be attended by India, Pakistan, Burma, Siam, Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. —Reuter.

U.K. Recognition Of Peking In Next Few Weeks

London, December 2.

Informed sources predicted today that British recognition of the Chinese Communist regime will be announced in two or three weeks. They said the decision on recognition is not in any way dependent on the adjournment of the United Nations General Assembly.

Its timing was generally agreed upon in consultation with other Commonwealth members.

"It was agreed that further delay in recognition would be a pointless gesture," the informed sources said. At the same time, they said that recognition must not be taken as signifying the British Government's approval of the new régime in China.

They said, "No Commonwealth member has any illusions about the diplomatic consequences of recognition. When we have recognised the Peking Government we do not expect any immediate changes of the Chinese Communist policy towards the British interests in China."

The informed sources said the British Government is opposed to any suggestion that Communist domination of China means permanent loss of free contact with the Chinese people.

They said, "We must not let the people of China feel they have been abandoned by their old friends. We must keep in touch with them by every means at our disposal and diplomatic recognition would result in direct contact."

"Such contact will undoubtedly be restricted but it would serve a more useful purpose than the policy of 'let wait and see'."

Regarding the United Nations, sources said it appears inevitable that the Peking Government will eventually assert itself in the General Assembly and the Security Council.

They said, "We do not expect the recognition to alter the Peking Government's policy. They may choose to add their voice to that of Russia and become a powerful accession to the veto bloc—that remains to be seen. But it would appear to be a greater likelihood if we withheld recognition and completely abandoned the Chinese people to Communist dictatorship." —United Press.

HAILE SELASSIE MAKES PROTEST

Lake Success, December 2.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia today protested against the United Nations' decision to grant Italy 10-year trusteeship over Somalia.

The Emperor's protest was contained in a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General, Trygve Lie, and recalled that the Italians invaded Ethiopia from Somalia.

He was sentenced at the old Bailey to four years' penal servitude. Palmer got two years in the second Division. The name of Mr. X was not mentioned in court.

He became a Member of Parliament and is today a respected business man.

Yet had it not been for a thirsty bluebottle on a hot Sole afternoon London's river might have claimed another victim—a man at the end of his tether.

NEXT WEEK: The human hair-pin who hid 12 hours in an eight inch hole to bring off a £100,000 dog-doping coup.

Actor Led Plot While Playing A Convict Role

(Continued From Page 13)

Along the cramped little stone corridors, back-stage, was Lester's dressing-room. I knocked on the green wooden door, and entered. Lester's face was greenish-pink. A small wig embellished his sparse hair. He was fully dressed in a convict suit. Also, on a peg alongside him, hung a police uniform, buttons glittering.

I told him what I wanted. His make-up seemed to change hue, as if it were smeared on a white-washed wall. "But I've got to give my performance!" he said weakly. He did not deny the charge. I told him he had best get his undertrousers.

He nodded—then snatched at a letter and thrust it into his mouth. I grabbed him. We struggled. Powder-boxes exploded like pink and white bombs. Bottles and make-up jars crashed, and shattered.

We rolled among it all. By the time I had subdued him, salvaged the letter, moist and bloodstained from his gashed mouth and my chewed fingers, the tiny dressing-room looked like an overturned box of assorted paints.

Then the door opened. It was the understudy, eyes wide. I was sealed on the unfortunate Lester's chest. We were both panting, dishevelled. The understudy completely ignored his amazing scene, stopped over my sprawled legs, and addressed himself to the rumpled, sweat-streaked Lester, who lay spread-eagled on the floor.

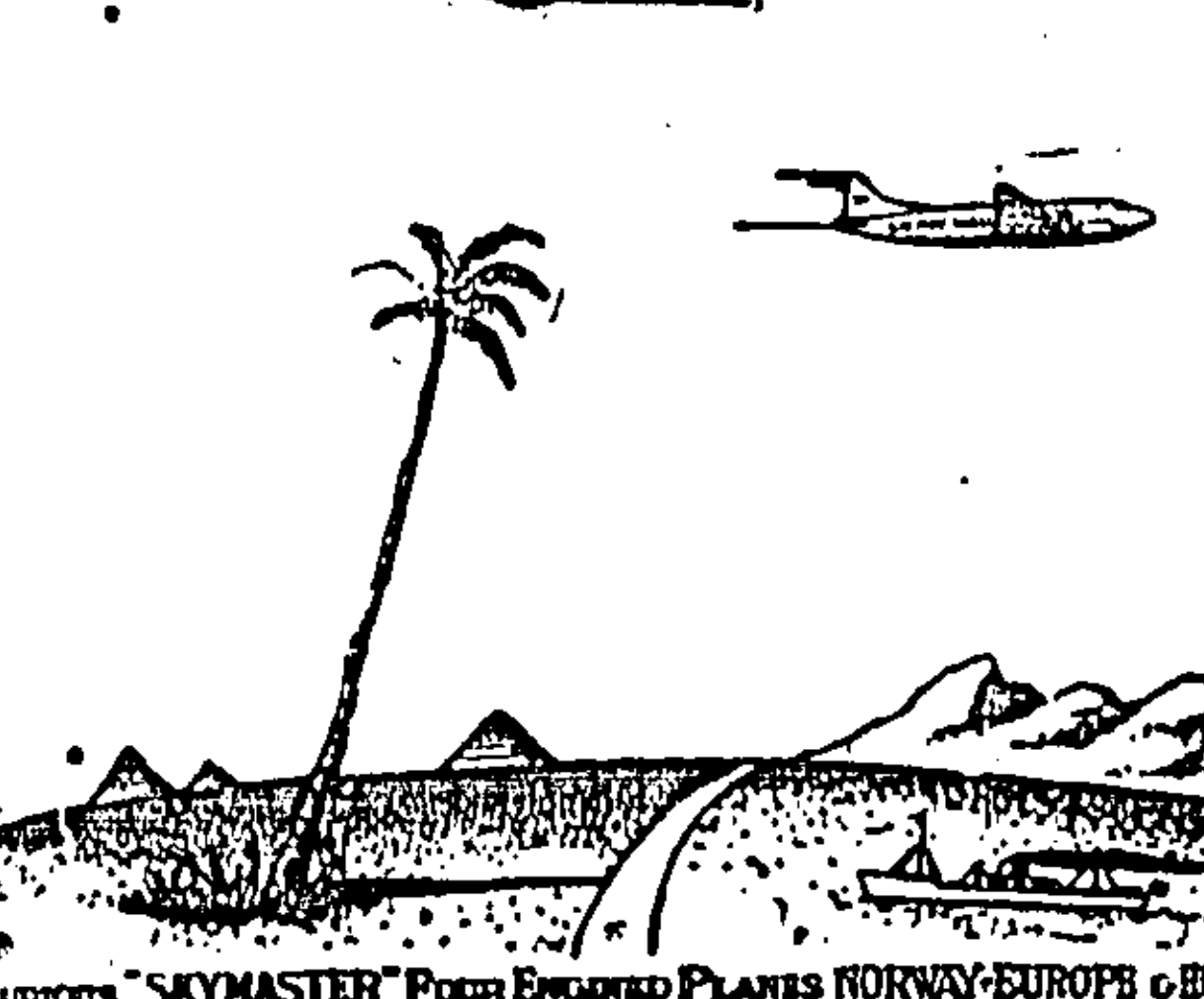
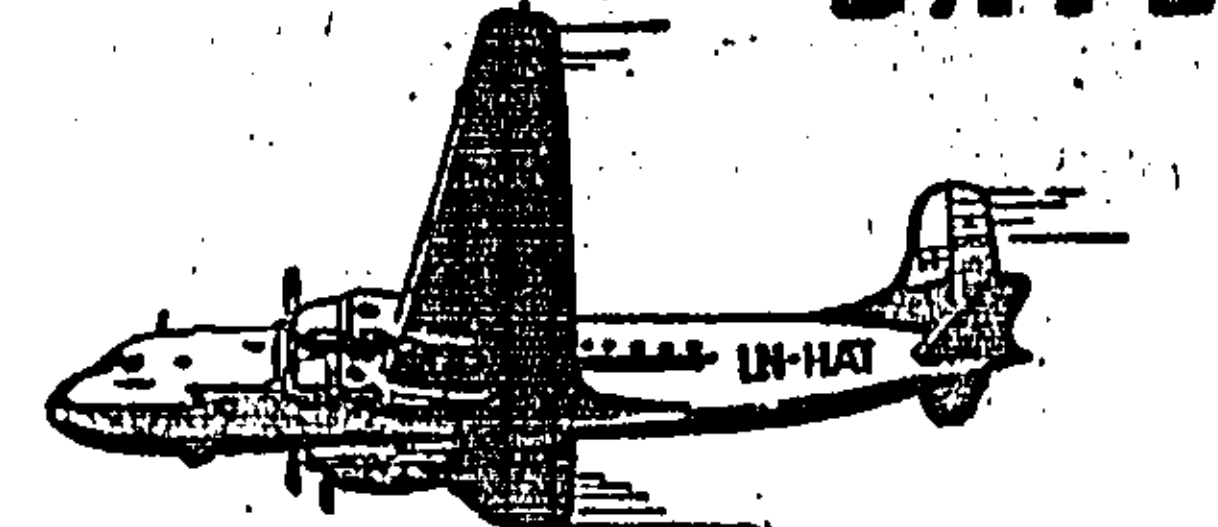
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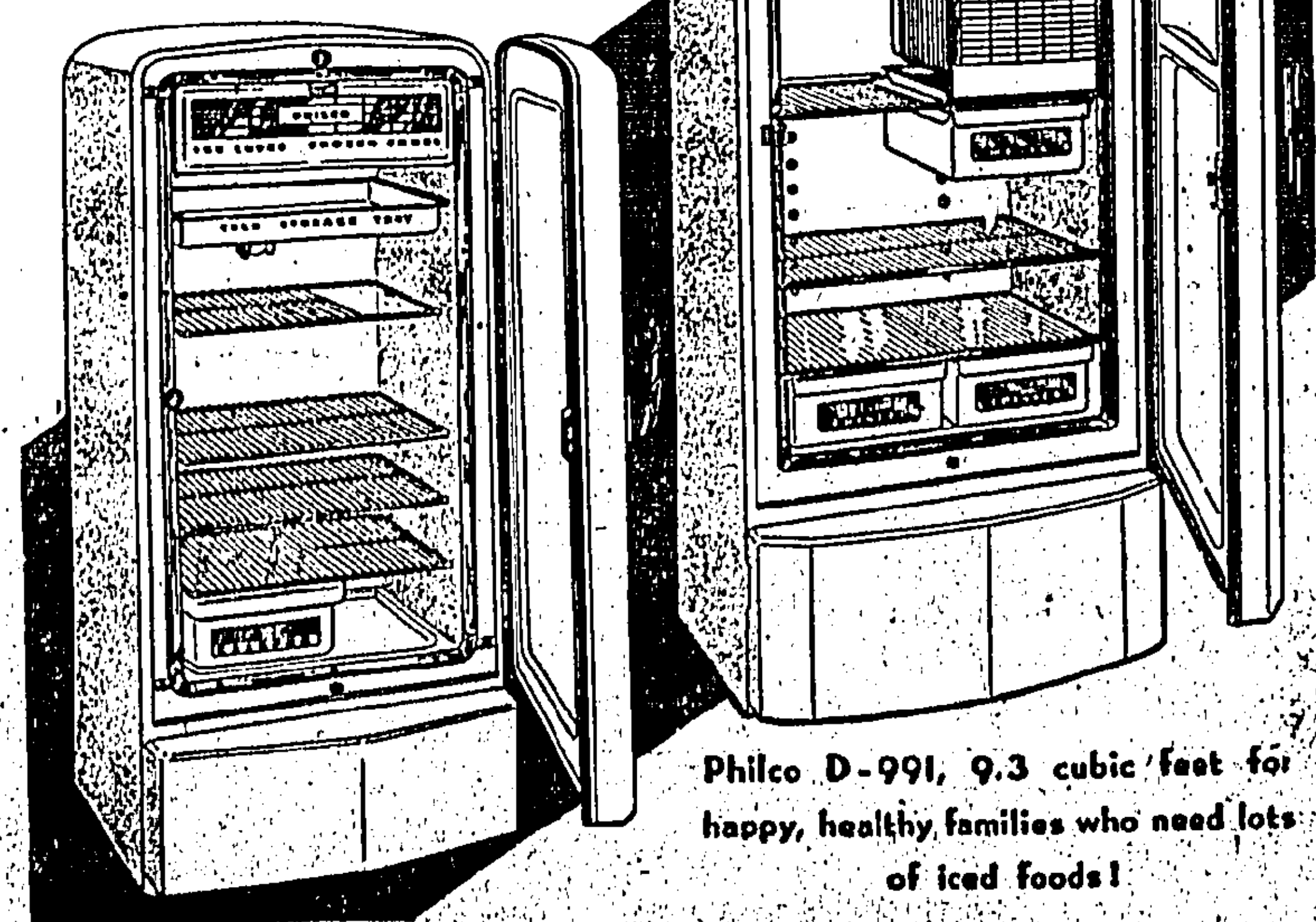
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That Election Date

Thursday, February 23, is now mentioned as the most likely date for the general election. I find a general disposition in the lobby of the House of Commons to accept this date. The forecast is based partly on the assumption that Saturday poll has been ruled out because of the surge of football interest which may be expected in February. Hitherto the speculation has related to both February 23, and March 2. One definite circumstance which seems to rule out the latter date in the arrangement for the State visit to London of President Auriol of France, and Madame Auriol in the week beginning March 6. Such a visit could only be staged if the Government which results from the election has already settled itself in office. The President and his wife will be the guests of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace and there will be a State banquet and ball.

First Since 1939

This is the first visit by a French President since March 1, 1939, when President and Madame Lelaur stayed at Buckingham Palace following the visit of the King and Queen to Paris as their guests the previous year. When President Vincent Auriol comes to Britain, he will bring with him an invitation for the King and Queen to visit France, official French sources here say. The President is unlikely to suggest a specific time, but he will probably suggest that if the two Majesties find it convenient to do so, Madame Auriol could be happy to return then to Britain later in the year. I gather that a Royal visit to France during the second half of 1950 would be feasible, since the King's health is now greatly improved. His postponed tour to Australia is unlikely to be carried out till 1951.

Royal Visit

On Thursday, December 8, the King and Queen, who are patrons of the British and Foreign Trade Society, will pay their first visit to Bible House, the London headquarters from which the society's work is directed.

The visit will be private, taking the form of a conducted tour.

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Rayon Report

The findings of at least one more of the British Industrial "quiz teams" which have crossed the Atlantic to study American methods is likely to appear before Christmas. The rayon textile party, I learn, has completed its report which has been reviewed at the Anglo-American Productivity Council's London headquarters and is now with the printers.

It is expected to show that, while man for man the home industry is up to this country's standard, the American have definite advantages in power and mechanical aids. They have longer production runs, as they have a less varied market, for which to cater, and with a working force almost exactly the reverse of the position here, three shifts are worked.

The Mighty Atom

Hitherto the international situation has concentrated too much attention, perhaps, on the military developments of atomic energy.

Its comparison, relatively little progress has been heard of the rapid progress now being made in developing atomic energy for peaceful ends.

The latest move in this country is the plan to erect an atomic plant near Chester, with the object of producing marine engines driven by the new power.

Though the first experiment will be with atomic-driven warships if these are a practical success we shall eventually have our modern ocean liners similarly propelled. It is even hoped that atomic engines may form one section of the 1951 Festival of Great Britain. Exhibition.

Moonshine

In this connection, it may seem not inappropriate to critics of the Festival that one of the main attractions for visitors is to be signalling the moon.

The old Shot Tower, familiar landmark on the South bank of the Thames and gallant survivor of the blitz, is to be transformed into a "radio telescope." By just pressing a button you will have the satisfaction of sending radio waves to that romantic satellite, and observing on something like a television screen the rebound waves.

Also being planned, as part of the Thames South bank programme, is a huge concert hall, and a Dome of Discovery, nearly 100 feet high and 365 feet in diameter, claimed to be the largest in existence.

Bad To Worse

Looking at things from a purely scientific point of view, it has been suggested that some of Hitler's bombs did a good job of work in London when they razed old rodent-infested buildings whose demolition was long overdue.

Now, however, almost five years after Germany's last air attacks the majority of bombed sites look much the same today as they did then, possibly with

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the exception of fine crops of weeds.

One or two sites in the City have been transformed into miniature gardens with seats, lawns, and flower beds, but in the suburbs it is a different story. Old drains, rusty car bodies, tangled cycle frames and other rubbish provide the only ornaments.

Now there is another development in the occupation of bombed plots by mobile fried fish shops. This at present "dining" from newspapers is not pretty, and passers-by have also to tolerate an unmistakable odour of frying oil and vinegar.

Zither Man

There is in London at this moment a small, mild-looking, slightly greying man who appears to be astonished at all the things he sees.

His name is Anton Karas. He is not a citizen. He is in fact, from Vienna, where he is scarcely known at all. But now, next to Mr. Churchill, he is probably the most sought-after, the most celebrated figure of the hour.

What has Mr. Karas done? Mr. Karas has written a tune. He is the composer and chief exponent on his zither, of the "Harry Lime Theme"—a haunting little piece of music—introduced by Carol Reed, the film director, as background music for his thriller "The Third Man"—but destined, so it seems from the Londoners, to rock the country like a plague of the German measles. "We have had this kind of 'popular success' before," I know. What makes his melody different is that the author is being excited simultaneously with his music. And he can hardly believe it.

Like A Fiddle

Karas keeps protesting that really this is just an old and quite ordinary bit of zither music that has been running in his head for 10 years. He wrote it while the film was played over to him, was famous the day the film was released, rich the next.

He is astonished. No heart-breaking interviews with publishers or wasted genius, no poverty. A tune in his head—and fame!

"The zither," he keeps saying, "There is nothing very remarkable about it. Why, they are as common as fiddles in Vienna." But the Londoners are not to have his artifice cooled with this nonsense. Karas and his music are common meeting-ground for all sorts and conditions of men.

As Before

There are a great many careful observers of contemporary history who are in complete agreement with Field-marshal Lord Wavell's expressed opinion that the Germans are still a more formidable danger to Europe and world peace than the Russians.

Lord Wavell comments that "they do not seem to have changed much." This is borne out by the reports of practically every Allied observer who has had close contact with even West-Germans, and is far from discounted by the speeches and attitude of those Germans to whom control in Western Germany has now been largely handed over.

Not for the fact, recently disclosed that actually the latest official German stamp imprinted on victor's passports and other documents bears a microscopic but still distinguishable swastika emblem, without its startling significance.

War Souvenir

On its way to Britain in a British destroyer is a strange war relic. It is a painting, but weighing 650 lb., torn from the former German battleship Tirpitz.

When Norwegian shipbreakers began dismantling the Tirpitz at the shipbreaking yards at Tromsø, they discovered a painting in one of the engine-rooms. It depicted the Tirpitz and a German U-boat, both flying the Nazi flag, and an inscription reading "Gegen England" (Against England).

The shipbreakers decided that this might provide a suitable souvenir for the Royal Air Force.

Popular Ambassador

Mr. Lewis Douglas, the American Ambassador, is taking his family home for Christmas. No family deserves a holiday more, for they have all of them—the Ambassador, Mrs. Douglas, and their popular and attractive young daughter, Sharmian—done probably more than they know for their own country and ours during the last year.

There have been times when on all levels considerable misunderstandings and little agitations have threatened the strain Anglo-American friendship. The trouble does not always come from the level of the State Department and Westminster; it is often between Broadway and the West End, and not infrequently between a G.I. and a "fly boy" in Piccadilly.

In a way that is not always definable, the Douglas family have been here all the time and made all these frictions seem unimportant. The Ambassador has no doubt done much in the more rarefied atmosphere of professional diplomacy, but it is as a happy family unit that they are known here and allowed to stand proxy for all that we admire in Americans.

"Human Diplomacy"

It is, of course, quite typical that Sharmian should be almost as popular as her father; certainly as well known. Until recently she has been studying at a sectarian college in Kensington. Now she has finished and she is seen about a great deal more, both with her mother in the queue-bewildering list of social engagements which the family manage to undertake, and as a guest and hostess to members of the Royal Family.

Mrs. Douglas, a handsome woman, with a soft and pleasant manner, holds monthly meetings at the Embassy in Princess Gate for wives of Embassy officers. From these sessions have grown the informal speaking bureau of wives who address "Women's Institutes" throughout the country.

She has also initiated teen-age and games clubs and children's parties, and entertains a great deal of bringing together members of the American and other Embassy staffs and their wives. When she returns she will take a leading part in the planning—and this she loves to do herself in typical American fashion—of a campaign for the Infants' Paralysis Fellowship funds.

Christmas Buying Begins

Christmas has come into the news much earlier than usual. Already Christmas shopping has begun in real earnest throughout the West End of London, where most of the stores have bazaars in full swing. This year they and the shopkeepers are anxious to offer a much wider range than at any time since the war. Normal Christmas fare seems to be in abundance, though far above previous prices. Ships now arriving in London docks are loaded with delicacies from many parts of the Empire, as well as Israel and Greece and Turkey. Australia has made a big effort to give Britain a bright Christmas by sending 1,500 tons of turkeys, 1,500 tons of other poultry, and 2,000,000 rabbits.

But the assertive process had been accompanied by a dangerous weakness, on which that great political thinker, Lord Acton, laid a finger.

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A politically strong and united Scotland would not have had its Parliament hatched away in 1707. It would have had no Jacobite risings, no Clearance, no destruction of forests and other national assets, and it would have taken measures to guard its economic and social framework.



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Scots Are Still Talking About HOME RULE

By WILLIAM POWER

As I sat in the Scottish National Assembly and listened to spokesmen of various bodies, I thought of Scotland's four-century record of divisiveness—the strangest in all history—and of what historians have said about it.

The first great division was common to most of Christendom. In the characteristic series that followed, the religious, ecclesiastical, and political were inextricably mingled.

The conflicts between Presbyterians and Episcopalians, even tinted in a war bloodier than had raged over the Catholic Mary Stuart. Out of its last flickers came Jacobitism and Cameronianism and Macmillanite sects.

Then came an intricate delicate tangle of bifurcations and reunifications.

"Relief" Kirks, Burghers and Anti-Burghers, Auld Lights and New Lights, "English" and "Scottish" Episcopalians. Independent, United Presbyterian, Moderates, Evangelical Union, Irvingites, Free Church, Original Seceders, Free Presbyterian, Reformed Presbyterian, United Free Church, Free Church Continuing, Reunited Church of Scotland, United Free Church Continuing, not to speak of fragmentary or freak bodies like the "Broth" Kirk and the Buchanites.

This divisiveness had its good and its bad sides. Mr. D. I. McNeill, who in "The Scottish Rebirth" has refuted the ridiculous notion that Scottish history lacks political significance, shows that each of these sects was preserving and carrying on some precious Scottish element of spiritual truth and communal and individual freedom that would have its place in an eventual reunion. Their adherences are largely justified in the nature of the Church of Scotland of our day.

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One figure alone, and that a great one, stood out, statuesquely, against the Covenant. That was quite in keeping. Hugh MacDiarmid represents a Scotland beyond the dreams of politicians. What it should be like no one can say, perhaps not even on himself.

But he is a great poet and thinker, and as I looked across the hall I saw in him the living reminder that a nation's development is never finished. He stood for "the something ever yet about to be."

Hugh MacDiarmid, who as a national poet "put a soul beneath the ribs of death," cannot but agree with the Assembly that the use of the Gaelic is a national future for Scotland unless, very soon, she obtains charge of her own affairs.

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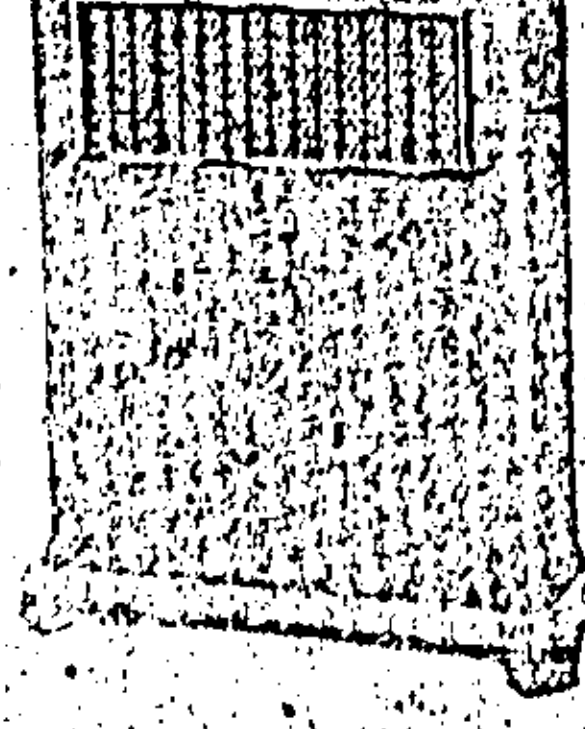
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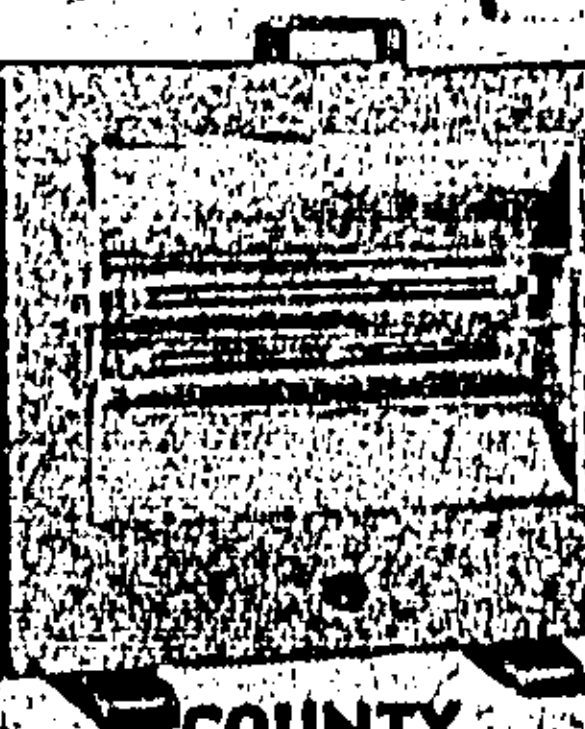
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SPANISH APPEAL FOR LIBERATION FROM FALANGE

London, December 2.

Speaking at the Free World Trade Conference here today, Senor Pascual Tomas, of the exiled General Workers' Union of Spain, appealed to the conference for help in liberating the Spanish people from General Franco's regime. "You can free the soul of the people," he declared, asking the conference to adopt measures to overthrow Falangism.

In 11 years of persecution of the trade union movement in Spain, he said, it had not been possible for trade union members there to do anything more than fight for their bare existence.

Reports from Spain showed that trade union members had been sentenced to between 10 and 15 years' imprisonment for nothing but promoting the movement.

If the Franco regime could be overthrown, the Spanish trade unions would have to reconstruct their life and bring Spain back into the community of nations. Spanish workers, he said, recognised America's general assistance in helping workers of other countries but he warned them not to allow their help to be exploited directly or indirectly by Franco Spain.

"We ask this conference to liberate Spain and to restore to the Spanish people human and political rights by definite measures calculated to smother the Franco regime," he declared.

Aid For German Capitalists

Herr Hans Doekler, Western German delegate, told the conference that something like \$200,000,000 "foreign aid" had reached German capitalists to help them develop their own policies in the new post-war Germany.

These capitalist forces had asked for help, he said. "Quite considerable sums, we have been told, have been going into German industry," he declared.

Herr Doekler, representing the German Federation of Trade Unions, said that there had been a total collapse in Germany and she must now decide between

reconstruction of old conditions or the building of a new economy. The trade unions wanted a new economy, but the employers favoured a return to old ways. "The system that has been in power in Germany has been responsible for the devastating wars which have caused misery to an almost unbelievable extent," he said.

The conference, planning a new Trade Union International, has appointed a Special Committee to consider the social and economic programme.

New International

The Committee's Chairman is the American Labour leader, Mr. Walter Reuther, of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The Vice-Chairman are Mrs. M. Bone of the Indian National TUC, and Senor M.A. Jaurequi, of the Peruvian Confederation of Labour.

The Committee met today in private. Earlier, the Belgian Chairman of the conference, M. Paul Finet, announced that 30 delegates had accepted his invitation to state the particular problems facing their countries.

Points made by other speakers in today's debate were as follows. M. Louis Major, of the Belgian General Workers' Federation, "Our task is to build up a new international free from Government and employers' influence. It will be necessary for trade unions to intervene in the economic life of their countries."

M. Leon Jouhaux, President of the Force Ouvriere (French non-Communist Trade Union Federation): "We must try to attain international social conditions and international security for all workers."

Mr. H. Gosterhuis, of the Netherlands Trade Union Federation, "We shall co-operate fully and unreservedly for a strong federation of world labour which must necessarily be one of the driving forces to lead us to a better future."

Mr. Pat Cokroy, Canadian Congress of Labour: "Disunity among trade union movements at home must be eliminated." The Standing Orders Committee of the conference today proposed that the Executive Board of the new International and not the conference itself must decide whether to accept the affiliation of the Organisation of Free Trade Unions in exile.—Reuter.

Catalina Crash In Indonesia

The Hague, December 2. Six people, including two British pilots, were killed when a Catalina plane crashed today in Muntok Bay, Banka Island, Indonesia.

It was stated here that the flying boat was carrying out "nautical reconnaissance" when it crashed while coming down to alight on the water.

Two Dutch mechanics and two of the passengers, both nautical advisers, were among the killed. The fifth member of the crew and the four other occupants of the plane were injured. They are stated to be out of danger.

The plane belonged to the Dutch Datasafsch Petroleum Company.—Reuter

LANCASTERS' LONG FLIGHT

London, December 2. Seven Lancasters from the Royal Air Force Central Aviation School at Shawbury, Shropshire, will leave Britain next Tuesday on a 2,500-mile training flight to Gibraltar and back.

The flight will give students practice in navigation.

The outward journey is planned to take the Lancasters via the Bay of Biscay and round the coast of Spain.

The return flight will be by indirect routes, arriving at Shawbury on December 8.—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE MAN AT LARGE

Sion, December 2. Elusive Auguste Farinet, described by the Swiss police as a confidence trickster who escaped from Artigny Prison recently, is still at large, the police announcement was because of the latest rumour that, dressed as a nun, August had been living in a convent and the police had recaptured him when, in spite of his clothing, he chose the man's door into a public convenience.

Swiss papers published it as a fact. The Cantonal authorities have ordered an investigation.—Associated Press.



Lowell Thomas Explains

New York, December 2. The radio commentator, Lowell Thomas, said today that he went to Tibet on his first holiday in 19 years because he had always been eager to visit the remote land.

Mr. Thomas said his visit had no political significance whatsoever. The noted commentator made the comment at his home in reply to an article in the Russian magazine "New Times" which said his trip was connected with a spy ring and anti-Communist military aid for Tibet.

He said: "That is another typical example of Communist falsehood. I wanted to go to Tibet for 30 years and then I got my first holiday in 19 years. I sent a message to Lhasa asking if I might visit Tibet and to my great surprise my son and I were invited to come."

Mr. Thomas said he broadcast that Tibet was alarmed about Communist encroachment because that precisely was the situation he found.

He said: "But the trip had absolutely no significance. I did not even talk to President Truman before I left. I found out later that I should have. It is traditional for visitors to such a remote country as Tibet to bring a message and gifts from the ruler of their own country."

Mr. Thomas said the Delal Lama asked him to tell the world as much as possible about Tibet's dilemma and give the American Government an informal report.—United Press.

BILLY BUTLIN EARNS DOLLARS

New York, December 2. Members of America's tourist industry commented today that Billy Butlin's "Buy British" holiday village in the Bahamas is likely to prove a highly successful dollar earner for Britain.

The village will open on January 20 on Grand Bahama Island, 50 miles off the Florida coast with capacity for 3,000 guests.

While there holiday makers will be able to spend money in 24 shops packed with British goods.

Discussing the report, Mr. Butlin said earlier that Americans, enjoying the highest standard of living in the world, will certainly say it is one of the best holidays they have ever had.—Associated Press

Tito Is Still A Red

New York, December 2. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia will remain faithful to the Communist ideology and will not deviate from it, New York State's Industrial Commissioner, Mr. Edward Corsi, said on his arrival here by plane from London.

Mr. Corsi, as Chairman of the One-World Committee, participated in ceremonies in Rijeka, Yugoslavia, at which a street was named in honour of the late Mr. Forlino LaGuardia, a former New York Mayor, for his friendship to the people of that city during his term as Vice-Consul there.

Mr. Corsi said, "I had a long talk with Marshal Tito in his home outside Belgrade. He asked him how he kept so well with a cold war raging around him and he replied, 'I feed on trouble.'"

Mr. Corsi said that Marshal Tito was willing and ready to do business unconditionally with no strings attached and on a strictly business basis with the United States or any other countries, regardless of their political systems.

Mr. Corsi said: "America should understand that in Tito we are dealing with a Communist and a Communist State, and that it will continue to be Communist."

He added, "We should have no illusions that the people in Yugoslavia will get away from Communism because of their fight with Russia. It is a family fight. Tito has been a life-long Communist and he knows all their tricks."—Reuter.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN BANGKOK

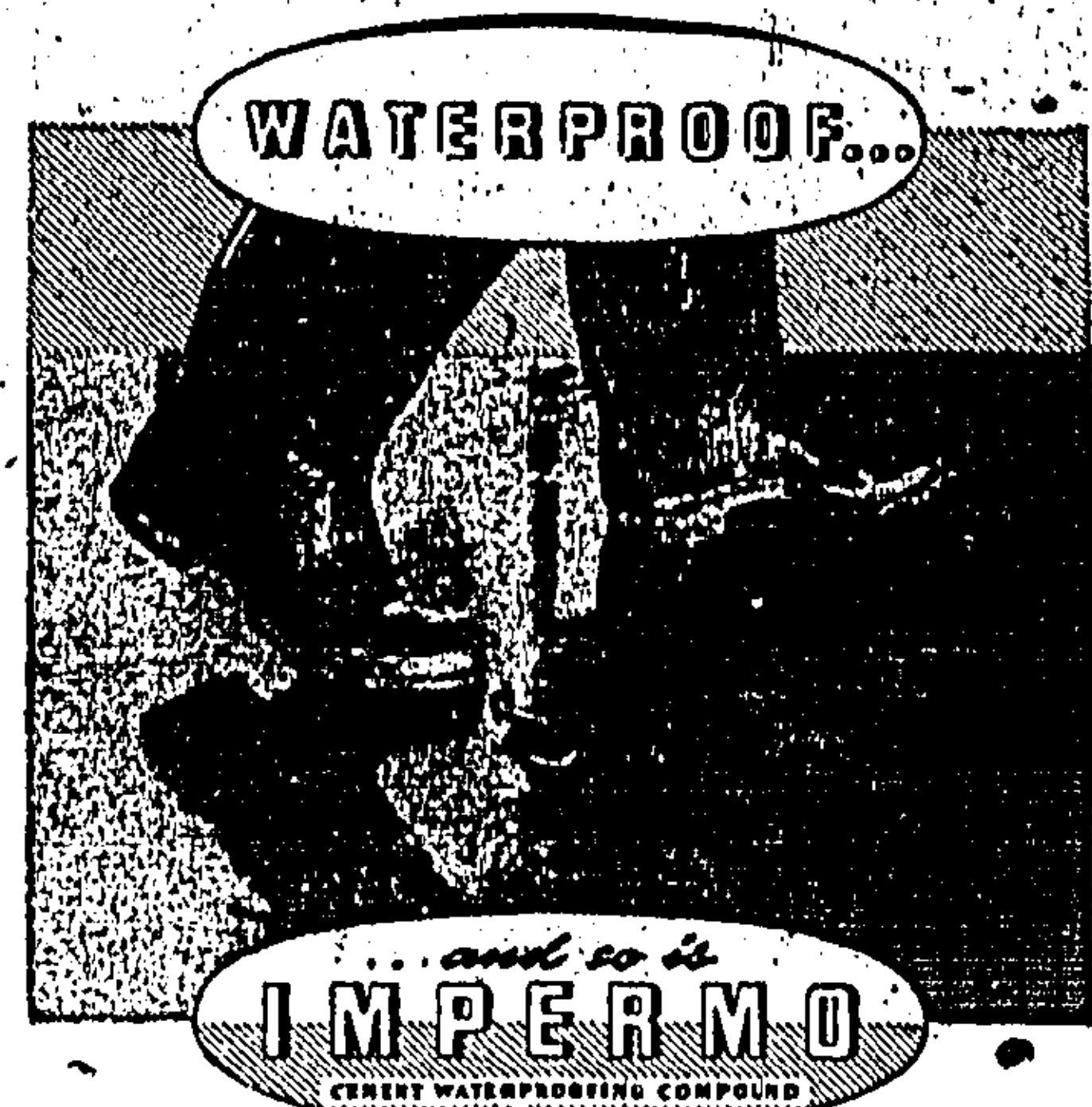
Bangkok, December 2. Electric power went off for one hour this afternoon in many parts of Bangkok when the Thai Electric Corporation's workers, numbering about 300, laid down tools due to the company's delay in settling their demand for higher wages.

All street cars stopped during the period, due to lack of power. About 200 armed police, led by the deputy police chief, Major-General Phao Sriyanon, took control of the company's plants to prevent a spread of the disorder. They succeeded in persuading workers to return pending settlement.—United Press.

NAKED WOMAN FOUND DEAD

Paris, December 2. The police have found a dead woman, naked, lying on the bank of the Seine this morning near one of the bridges, her head in the water.

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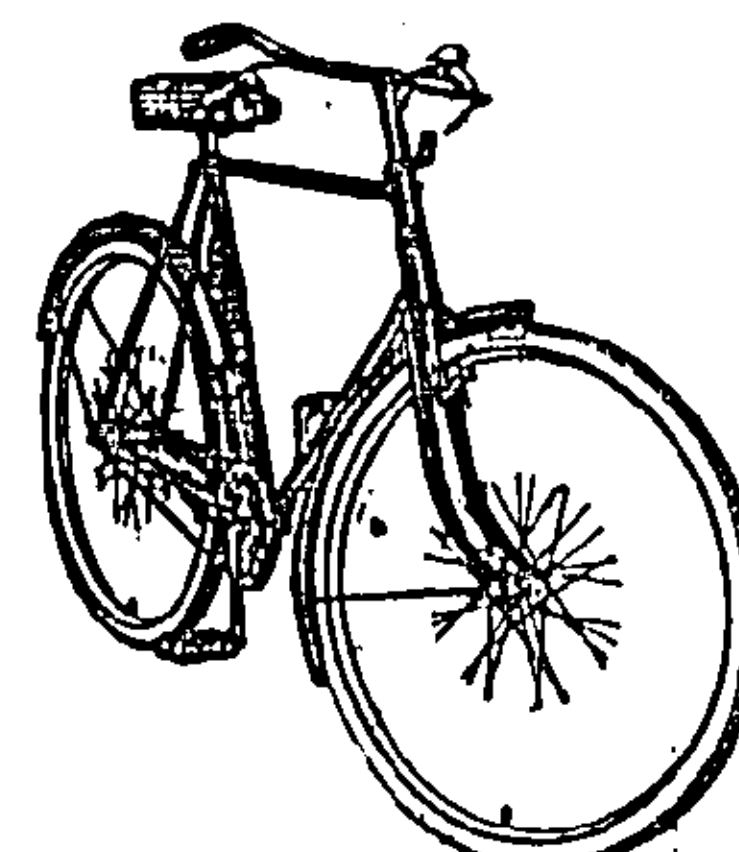
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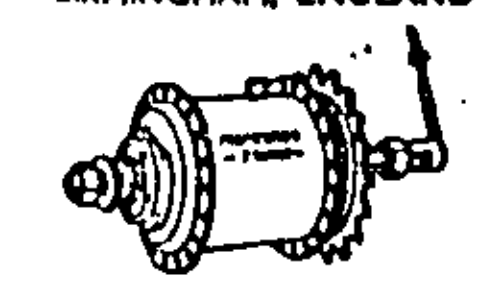
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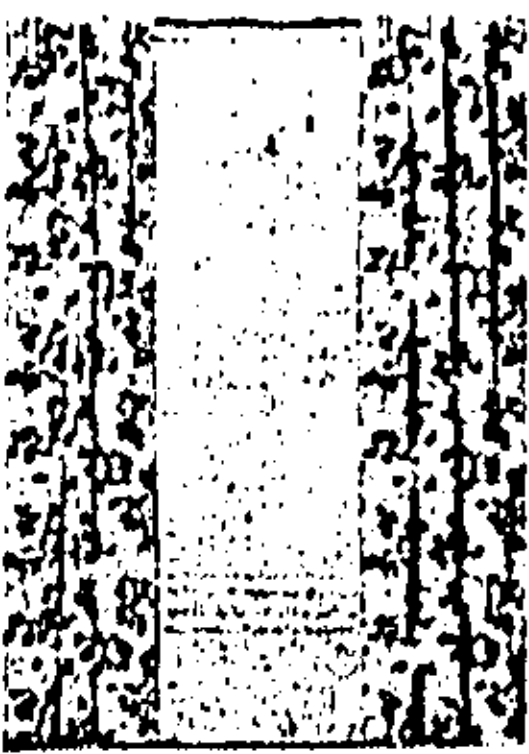
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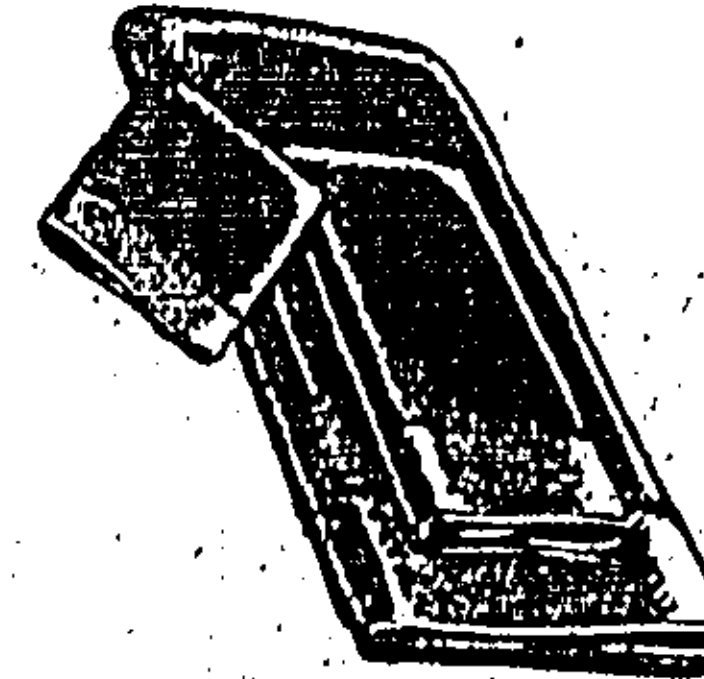


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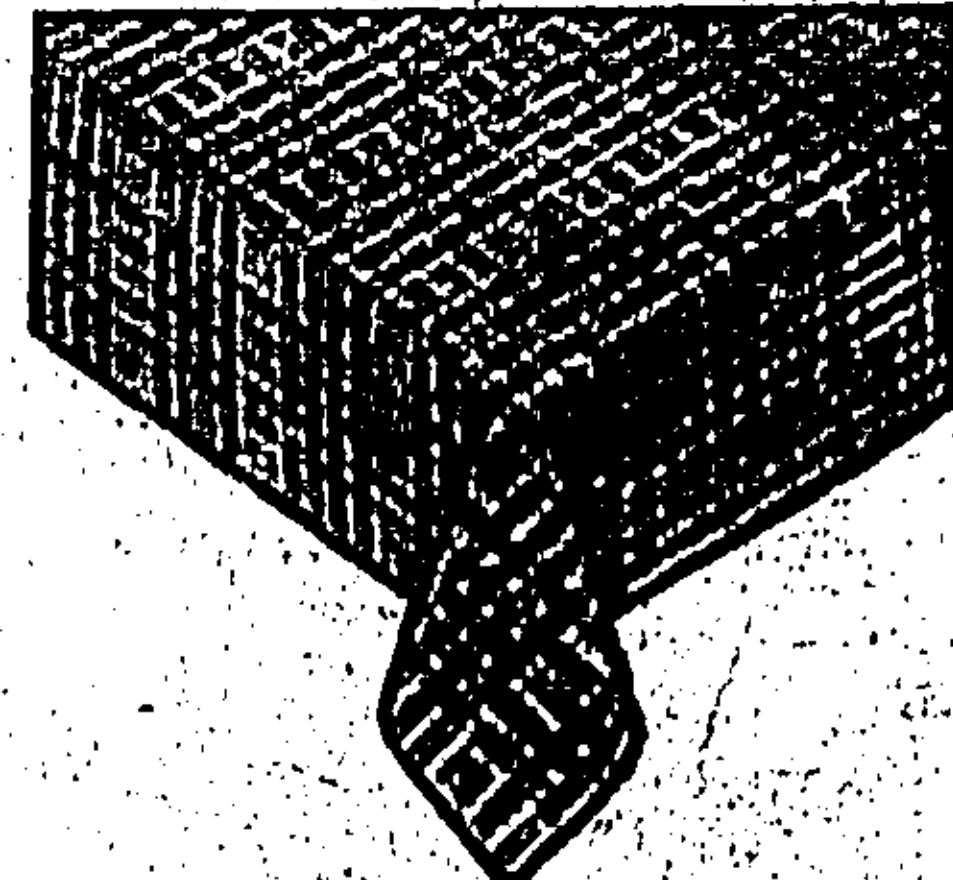
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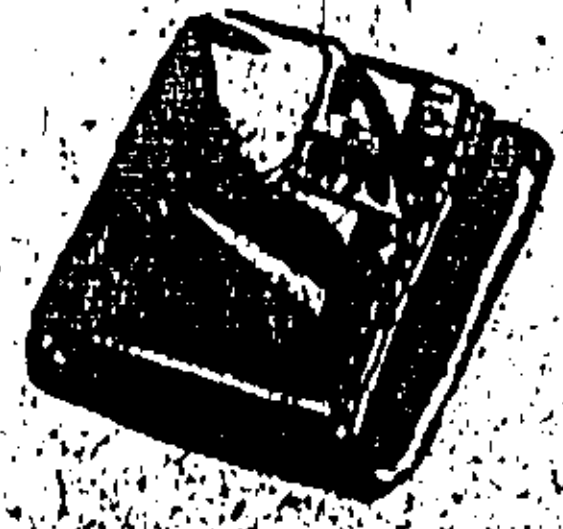


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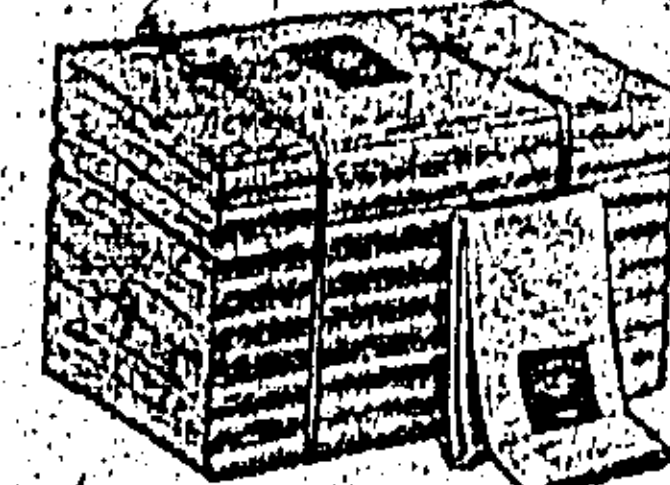
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The Time For Shams And Bribes Is Past

We live in the age of jargon, that private language which has been invented by devotees of various arts, sciences and professions for their own convenience. There is a jargon of painting, a jargon of philosophy, a jargon of politics.

A jargon, once it is indeed put forward for jargon, it enables those who are familiar with a subject to express in a single word or phrase, something which would take a considerable time to express in simple language.

But it is open to the danger that, to those who have not the same background of knowledge it renders difficult of comprehension a great deal that is so merely technical at all, and so merely technical to those who are not conversant with the subject, the uninitiated as to the issues involved.

Especially is this true of economics. We hear much of such phrases as invisible exports, inflation, deflation, and now disinflation of convertibility and non-convertibility and so on and so on.

The ordinary man, reading these long and complicated words may well be forgiven if he comes to the conclusion that he will never understand what is the nature of our present troubles and what is the remedy.

Rebuild Our Wealth

But the diagnosis is surely in fact a very simple one. Britain was before the last war a comparatively rich country. We had, in addition to our own domestic savings, vast sums piled up by the thrift and enterprise of our forefathers in foreign lands. But as Lord Bland pointed out in the House of Lords, we have been obliged to spend no less than a quarter of our national wealth on our struggle against Hitlerism. As a result, we are now temporarily at any rate, a very poor country. If we wish to live in the future on the scale to which we have been accustomed, we must rebuild our wealth until we become something as rich as we were before. That is the hard fact that we all have to face, to whatever party we may belong.

The main indictment against the present Government is that they have failed or refused to recognise this fact. The plain duty of any Administration, one would have thought, during the last four difficult years, would have been to practice the strictest economy and to avoid all further shocks to trade and enterprise, so that the country might gradually re-accumulate its former resources.

Then, when we had re-created the wealth that had been dissipated in the war, we should have been able to afford all those things which are the aim and object of us all.

Rake's Progress

But, unhappily, the present Government did not take this course. On the contrary, they embarked on political experiments which were bound to create further dissipation to our social and economic life, and indulged in a degree of expenditure which could have been justified only if, instead of being poorer, we were much richer than ever before.

In the four years during which they have been in power, as Mr. Churchill pointed out in the House of Commons in the recent Economic Debate, they have spent as much as had been expended in 20 years before the war, when we were far better off than we are today.

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and of rebuilding our capital, they dipped further into what remained by confiscatory taxation, and they supplemented what they got from this source by using to finance their steadily mounting day-to-day expenditure, upwards of £1,000 million which had been lent to them by

By The Marquess of SALISBURY, K.G.

the United States and Canada, not for this purpose, but to enable the country to get back on its feet.

While Mr. Rake's Progress went on, we, of course, enjoyed an apparent prosperity which, in the eyes of unthinking people, redounded greatly to the credit of the Government. Wages, at any rate in terms of money, were higher than ever before, hours of labour were shorter. No social legislation, not of a moderate character but on the most lavish scale, was introduced.

On the basis of these improvements, all the time, the Government was in a position to afford them, the Government won by-election after by-election. Ministers and Labour members proclaimed them throughout the country as the triumph of the system in practice, and no warning was given that our resources were not inexhaustible and that we might be drifting on to national bankruptcy.

Now, Nemesis has come. The loans from the United States and Canada are coming to an end. Taxation cannot be raised any further without defeating its own object.

For the more taxes are put on above a certain height, the more the streams that feed the Exchequer diminish, and even the State cannot take money that is not there. And, worst of all, the spirit of confidence in the future of this country, at home and abroad on which prosperity must largely depend, has received a shattering blow.

Altogether, the British Government is regarded as thoroughly incompetent. The foreign trader and investor is becoming daily more chary of putting his money here. And at home, the same lack of confidence is only too clearly shown by the calamitous fall in the volume of our savings.

In 1945-46, when the present Government first came into power, the volume of National Savings, that is, the savings of the small man, amounted to £473 million, a pretty big figure. But, by last year (1948-49), this year's inflow had dwindled to £29 million, and during the first six months of this year the balance has swung right over and £40 million more have been drawn out than have come in. Many people—and in particular the middle-class—are so heavily taxed that they cannot in any case afford to save. And those who could still do so are beginning to lose confidence that their savings will be safe or will maintain their present value. To such a pass have four years of the present Government's administration of our affairs reduced this country.

Imminent Crisis

Now, at long last, Ministers—or at any rate some of them—are beginning to face the bleak realities of our position. There is still some talk of a sinister conspiracy on the part of bankers, newspaper owners, political opponents, and others, to blacken the face of the Government. But Sir Stafford Cripps himself has given the answer to this. Speaking in the House of Commons, he said, categorically, "Unless we can all quickly produce more and get our costs down, we shall suffer a tragic fall in our standard of living, accompanied by all the demoralising insecurity of widespread unemployment." We may therefore take it that the crisis is real and imminent.

What are the Government doing to meet it? They have indeed done some things. They have devalued the pound. But that is in itself only a sign of how far our credit has fallen. It may no doubt make it easier for us to sell some of our goods in dollar markets. But it will have to pay for the raw materials with which a vast proportion of those goods are made, and for food and other commodities that we need.

Secondly, they have made certain economies in Government expenditure, which the Prime Minister himself has confessed will not by themselves be nearly adequate to repair the situation. And finally, they have clapped on further taxation on a country already overtaxed.

The Need Of Today

But one thing they have not done—and that is the only thing that will in fact restore confidence at home and abroad. They have not made a firm statement that from now on they intend to live within the country's means, to cut its coat according to its cloth, to abandon further experiments in nationalisation for the time being at any rate—to reduce taxation so as to make savings possible, and give an absolute assurance that these savings will be respected, and, finally, they have not said that they and their supporters will stop saving division between the classes and treat capital and labour as partners in a joint enterprise, instead of in a conciliatory feud.

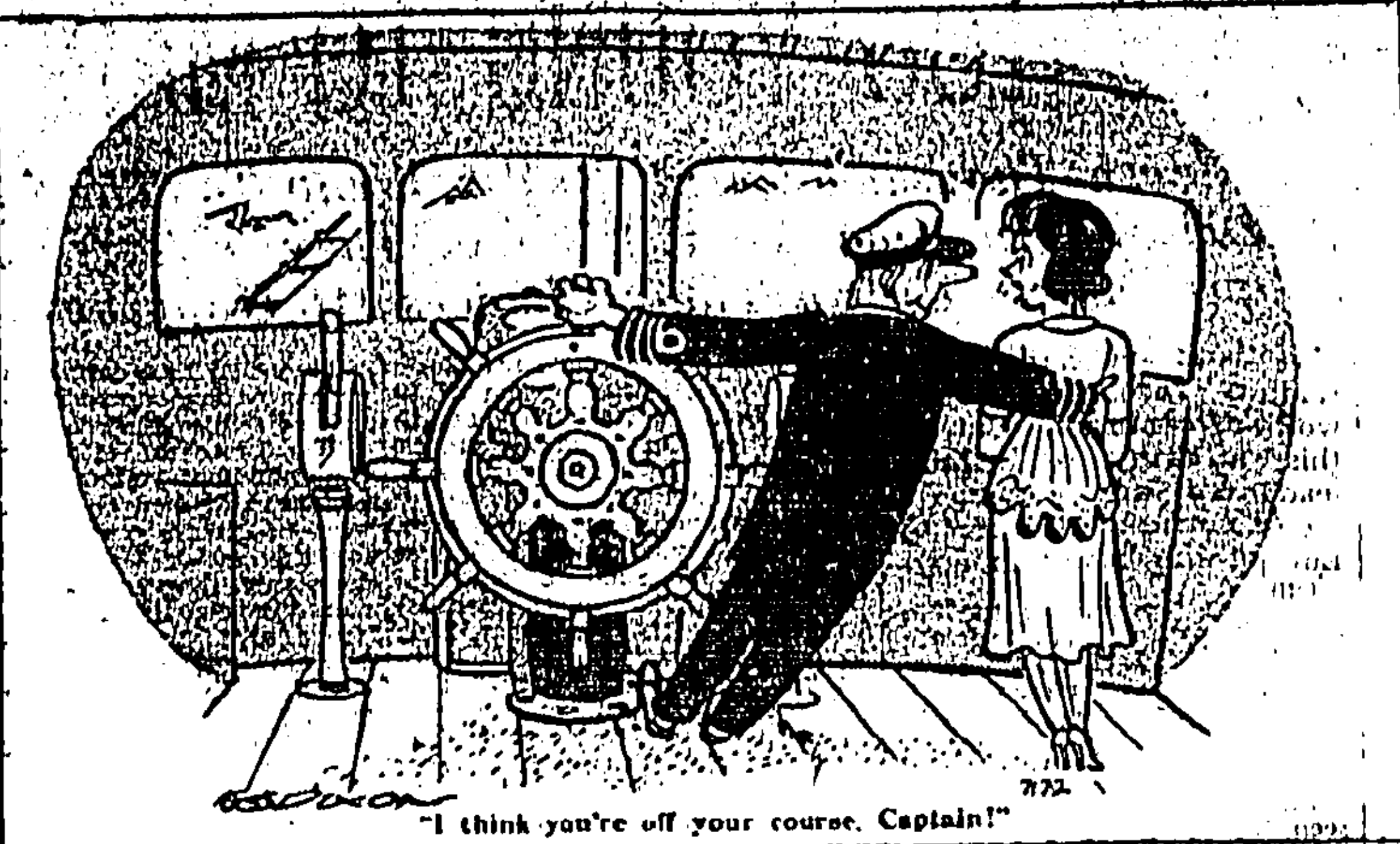
Were they to make a declaration of that kind, a lightning of the clouds which hang so heavily over us would become immediately apparent. Nothing less will do.

That is, I suggest, surely the only wise policy for this grave crisis. The time for shams and bribes is past. For the immediate future, the question before us all is not whether our standard of life can be improved, but whether, as Sir Stafford Cripps himself has said, we can maintain it at anything like its present level.

What we need now is that the people should be told the hard facts of our situation and should be given leadership in facing them. On the competency of politicians, in all parties, to do this, I may well depend the future not only of this country but of democracy throughout the world.



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Coal Problem In Africa

Here in Salisbury, capital of Southern Rhodesia, I have just completed an electricity rationing questionnaire because the municipal power station is short of coal, and likely to be for some time to come.

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Until recently, the growing shortage of coal in Central Africa could be blamed on the Rhodesia Railways. The Wankie Colliery, only producing mine in Rhodesia, and potentially one of the world's biggest—was producing coal faster than the trains could take it away.

Suddenly, the position has been reversed. The railways have imported so many new locomotives and trucks that coal is not coming out of the ground fast enough to fill them.

It is easy to condemn the short-sightedness of the colliery company's directors in having failed to anticipate the increased demand by ordering additional equipment. But he would have been a bold prophet who predicted in 1945 that the next five years would see the white population of Southern Rhodesia increased by more than 50 per cent.

Short Of Needs

Few people would have believed him if he had forecast a similar increase in railway traffic and said that the price of Northern Rhodesia copper would rise to £140 a ton, delivered in Britain.

All these factors have increased the demand for coal. At present, the Wankie Colliery supplies the two Rhodesias, the Belgian Congo, Portuguese East Africa and Nyasaland. The current requirements of these five neighbouring territories exceed 200,000 tons a month.

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But it will take at least 12 months to install the additional equipment needed at Wankie.

Meanwhile, the shortage will continue.

At the beginning of this year the railways needed 45,000 tons a month, but today they require 90,000 tons; the Northern Rhodesia copper mines needed 39,000 tons a month to feed their power stations and smelters, but now they want 37,000 tons and forecast

By GEORGE ADDICOTT

steadily increase to 30,000 tons a month by 1953.

In the past nine months, the power stations operated by the Electricity Supply Commission of Southern Rhodesia and the municipalities of Salisbury and Bulawayo have increased their joint demand from 23,200 tons to 28,800 tons monthly.

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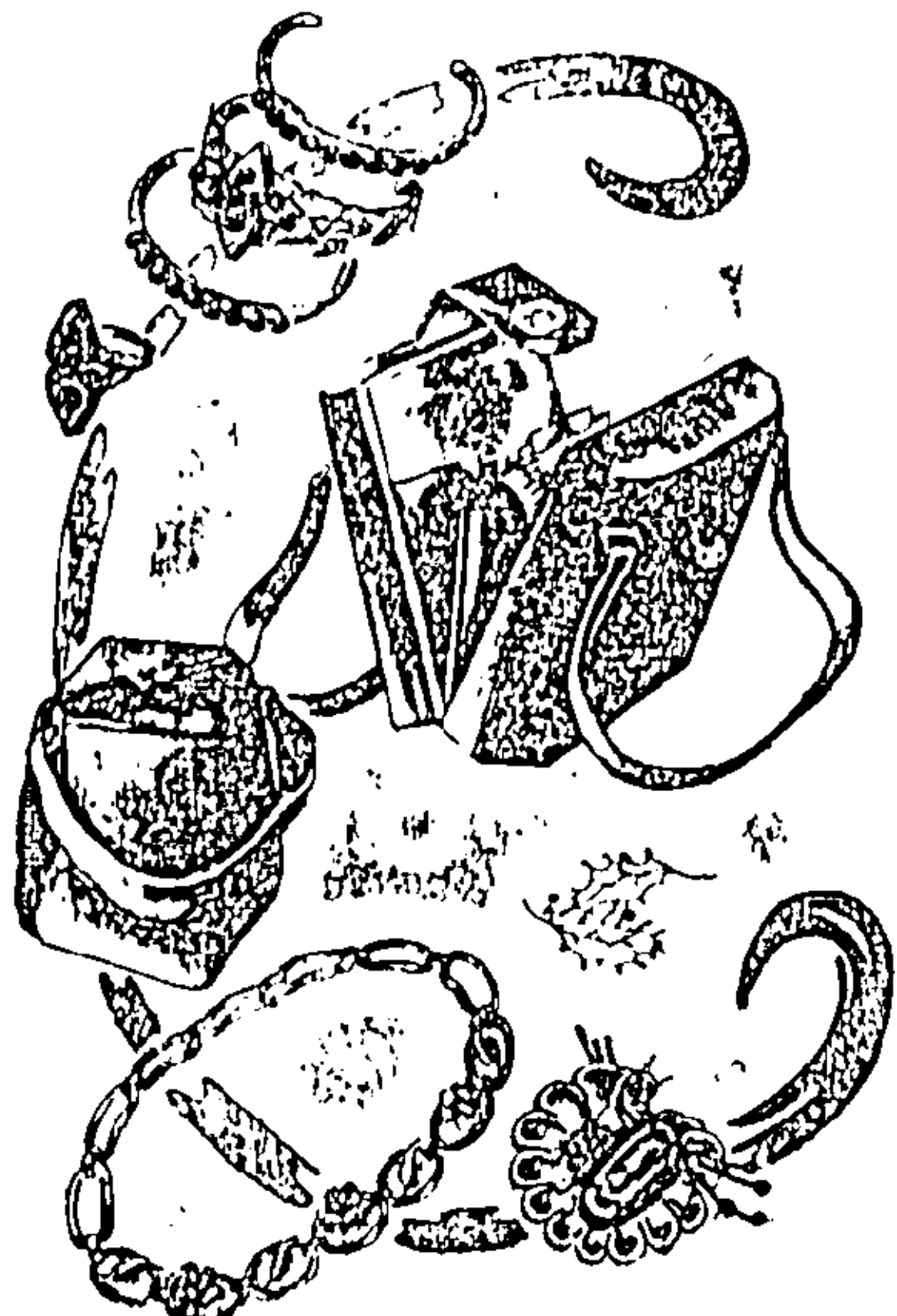
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IS 16 TOO YOUNG TO MARRY?

Seven Thousand Child Brides Went To The Altar In Britain In One Year. Were They Wise? Jack Thomas Sums Up On Their Chances Of Happiness.

"Mothers and fathers" has been a favourite nursery game for centuries. But, today, too many of Britain's youngsters are playing it in real earnest. And not always in the best company.

Lying on my desk is the Registrar-General's Statistical Review for 1947. It is a slim, grey-covered booklet, recording in closely printed tables the births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales during the year. You couldn't imagine anything more dreary. But it has given me the biggest shock I've had for many months.

Did you know that in 1947 there were 7,202 child-brides in Britain—three of them already widows and one a divorcee? That 68 of them married divorcees? That six of the 16-year-old girls who wed had already been through the Divorce Court? There were 690 boy bride-grooms, too, one of them aged 17 is described as a "divorced man."

It Turned Out Well For Dai

Year by year the totals of these juvenile marriages are mounting. Yet only about a third are what might be termed "marriages of necessity." What's happening to Britain's children? What's driving them into matrimony, often with divorced and widowed adults from the schoolroom? What chance have their marriages of turning out well?

That's what I've been trying to find out from the marriage experts and from couples who took a chance on marrying young. First, I talked to Dai Williams, 30, now a successful salesman with a neat little semi-detached in a London suburb. But, one of his children of an overemployed mother, he was barely 17 when he married his 16-year-old Blodwen down in the Rhondda Valley.

It's turned out well. Their sturdy 10-year-old son Gareth they're still supremely happy—but they don't advise other youngsters to follow their example.

Says Dai: "Ours was a special case. Things were tough in the valleys. I began work to help the old man while I was still at school, doing an early morning paper round. Mum did her best, but we were always hungry. So was Blodwen. Her dad was out of work, too. Hard living knocked all the childishness out of us. By the time I was 17 I was a man."

"Now we're doing fine. But I wouldn't like to go through it again. We got by because hardships had made us old beyond our years and because scrapping along on nothing was the only life we'd known. Given a similar background—and the breaks—I dare say a pair of youngsters would make the grade, but it's not the kind of experience I want for Gareth."

Well there's a man's slant on the problem. Now come along and meet Rosie Smith, of King's Cross. At 16½ Rosie stands 5ft. 6in. in her fashionable wedge-heeled shoes and weighs around 120lb. Her shining black hair is worn shoulder-length and expertly permed.

At first glance you'd say Rosie was a sophisticated woman of 19 or 20. Twice a week she goes to the movies. On Saturday nights, in backless gown and gilt shoes, she's out dancing.

Rosie is engaged to Ted Brown, a cheerful youth who has just completed his spell of National Service. Maybe as a reaction from khaki, his dress taste runs to exaggerated "American" belt-jackets, "screwed every night," gingham trousers and parti-coloured shoes. The dangles he wears at his £3-a-week job suit him better, but he wouldn't thank you for saying so. He's a nice young fellow, but completely irresponsible.

Rosie and Ted are planning an early marriage. Their parents are against the idea.

But parental opposition doesn't worry Rosie. "They're old stick-in-the-muds," she says. "Expect me to come in every night at 10 o'clock, as if I was a kid! They don't understand what being in love means. But we're getting married, whatever they say. If they won't give their consent, the magistrate will. I need a good, clean-living boy and he earns good money and he's wild about me. Happy? Of course we'll be happy. I'll soon learn to cook, and there won't be much housework at first. We're planning to live with Ted's mother until we can get a home of our own."

But A Magistrate Doubts It

I talked to a magistrate about Rosie. He's a wise old man, who for many years has had much to do with London's youth.

"It's a problem," he admitted. "My own view is that these very young marriages have less than a 50 per cent chance of working out well, but it's difficult for a magistrate to refuse his consent."

"I can't believe that a boy of 16 or 17 would make a good husband. I don't believe any boy should marry before he attains his majority. Few boys in their teens don't want to think about marriage. They are still immature, and I can't help feeling that from this aspect National Service is unfortunate. Service ranks do not learn to shoulder the kind of responsibility you need for housekeeping."

What's the medical view? An eminent doctor to whom I spoke was emphatic. "Generally speaking, no young woman should think of marriage before the age of 18," he declared. "The ideal age is from 20 to 25. One must think of marriage in terms of having children, and the girls of today are physically healthier than their mothers and grandmothers would have been at a similar age."

A psychologist agreed. "Nineteen is the earliest age for a woman to marry," he told me. "A girl of 16 is still in mid-adolescence. She may appear to be physically mature, but she cannot be emotionally mature. How many 16-year-olds have any sense of permanency? What basis of experience have they for the difficult job of choosing a life partner?"

"The partners in so many of these very early marriages come from bad home surroundings. Ignorance and curiosity explain many cases."

Churches Blame Near-Paganism

I thought maybe the people at the Marriage Guidance Council could help. They have plenty of experience, with other folk's lives. But they were chary of defining an ideal age for marriage.

They find that some very early marriages are successful—but the risk of failure is great.

The Churches? Ministers of all denominations cited the near-utopianism of modern life and the lack of youth clubs as reasons for the rising tide of juvenile marriages. One parish priest told me: "If a couple in their early teens asked me to marry them, I could not well refuse, but I would do my best to persuade them to wait for a year or two before taking such a momentous step. I believe most parsons would do the same."

"But most of these youngsters have no religious background. They are beyond our reach. Children of 16 and 17 who live in truly Christian homes are unlikely to rush into premature marriage. Nor are those who spend their leisure in properly supervised youth clubs and organizations."

There's still another factor—geography. A social worker of wide experience pointed this out. "Some areas have a tradition of youthful marriage," he said. In Lancashire and Wales about 65 per cent of those who marry are under 21. And, strangely, there are more juvenile marriages in country and suburban districts than in the big cities.

Wise To All The Wrong Things

"Then many men back from the war find it difficult to readjust themselves to family life. Some had been in prison camps and now suffer with bad neuroses. Their unhappy children rush into marriage just to get away from nagging and squabbling parents."

Finally—money. Youths still in their teens often take home a wage larger than that on which their fathers kept the entire family before the war. With seven or even eight pounds a week coming in they see no reason why they should wait to marry.

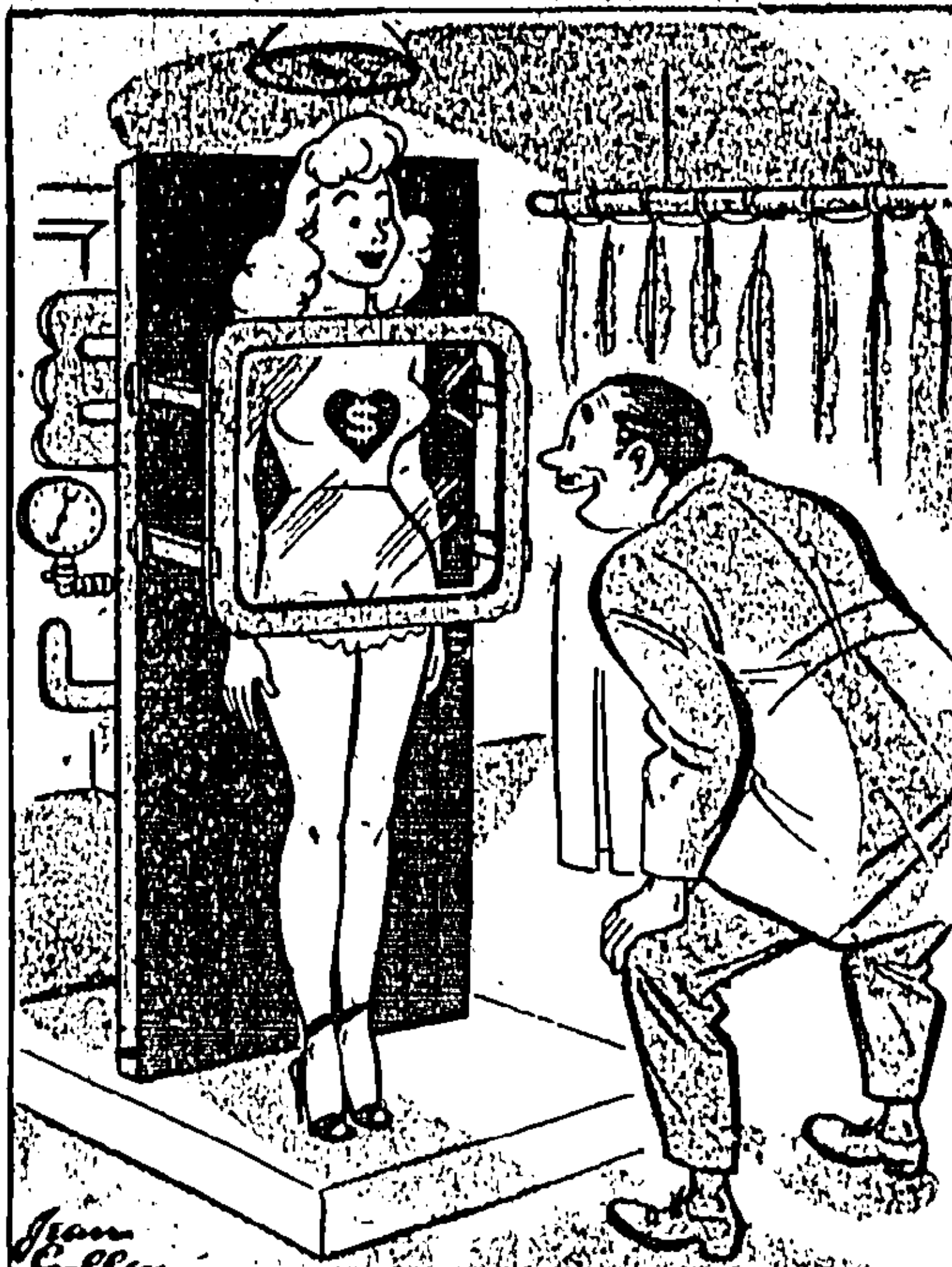
"Then, marriage is merely a matter of adequate income," a social worker summed up. "They are too young to understand the larger issues. With light hearts they take the plunge—which, all too often, ends in disaster."

Well, there it is. The marriage peril, whatever the reason, is swinging backwards to the days of granddaddy and great-granddaddy, when marriage at 16 or 17 was the accepted thing. But there's this difference. The young man of Victorian times was conditioned to marriage from the cradle. She had no other vocation. And she was trained for the job. Having attracted a good husband, her one ambition was to hold and serve him. The idea of separation or divorce made her shudder.

Most of the child-brides of today are tragically wise to all the wrong things. They can take shorthand at 100 words a minute, but they can't boil an egg without consulting the cookery book. They can shake a pretty rumba, but the weekly wash goes to the laundry. Fixing a faulty carburettor comes easier than sewing a patch on little Johnny's pants. And all too often they are more concerned with the flashy "pussies" of some movies than with the responsibilities of a life-partnership.

Some come through. I've talked to many couples who, married while still in their teens, have found happiness. But they are the exceptions. Scrape away the make-up and—I can't help feeling—Miss Sixteen of 1949 is still a bewildered child.

But that's only my opinion. Would you like your daughter to marry so young?



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A Tale Of Two Citizens

1. The German. A Matter Of Marks By ANTONY TERRY

Two hundred kind-hearted and well-to-do Germans in Hanover last week decided to invite 200 "hungry British children" to stay with them for a month.

The idea came to nothing because of the red tape involved. But it threw a light on the way Germans are feeling about conditions in "defeated" Germany and their attitude to "victorious" Britain.

With most staple foods off the ration in Germany and shops full of off-ration chocolate at 2s. 3d. a quarter pound block, no wonder many Germans pity Britain and its rationing problems.

Others—especially the unemployed—wish they could afford the plentiful food and other goods liberally displayed in the shops throughout Western Germany, and would prefer a system where they got at any rate a regular though limited supply of food at moderate prices.

The butter ration is half-a-pound a month plus two pounds of margarine. But often butter is unobtainable unless one is prepared to pay the "off ration" price of 10 shillings a pound. Bread is plentiful at reasonable prices, thanks to Marshall Aid wheat, but sugar is off the ration and quite exorbitant—four shillings a pound.

In Düsseldorf, bomb-scarred and dreary capital of the industrial Ruhr, there is a fashionable restaurant with a truly first-class cuisine where German business men wife and dine for anything between £1 and £3 a head.

On the other side of the building is a British Control Commission canteen, where British officials eat a poverty-stricken meal of mashed potatoes and a wrap of desiccated bacon.

Nothing is short in Germany today—if one can pay for it. Petrol is 3s. 2d. a gallon on the ration, but the ration is only about 10 gallons a month for a doctor and there is no "basic."

The cheap ready-to-wear men's suits that are sold in Germany today contain a good deal of cellulose and not much wool. The cheapest cost around £8.

2. The Austrian. Spaghetti And Noodles, Noodles And Spaghetti By RITCHIE McEVEN

Four and a half years after total defeat, rationing in Austria is virtually at an end.

The shops are full of every delicacy. A walk through the market halls in Vienna will show you rows of fat geese, plump chickens, venison, pork, sugar and lamb, pheasants, huge sides of beef, and every conceivable kind of sausage.

Strictly speaking, there are four things still on ration. Some meats, butter and lard, sugar and milk are still controlled—in theory. In practice, the price of the first three items are too high for housewives with large families. Butter costs 8s. 6d. a pound, and the cheaper meats 7s. 6d. a pound. With a big family and a small budget it is impossible to afford the ration.

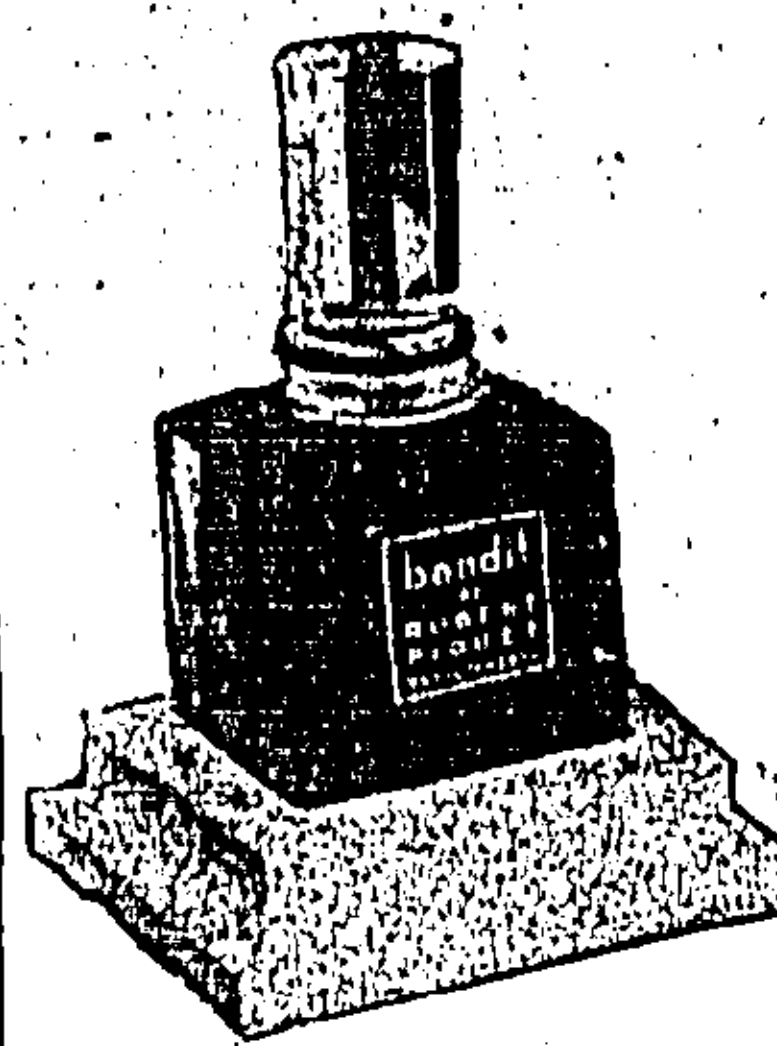
On the other hand, if you have the money, there is no difficulty in buying anything you see and fancy. Unrationed goods, particularly the luxury items, are in great variety in all the shops.

Milk chocolate may be bought by the ton, at 3s. 6d. a quarter pound bar. Every kind and make of sweet from all countries can be bought, and many varieties of biscuits.

Until recently, you had to give up coupons for a restaurant meal. That is no longer necessary now. The average worker earns about £5 a week. Out of his pay packet he must pay about £1 a week in rent, insurance, a very heavy electricity or gas bill.

His tram fares are high, and all household utensils are expensive. His wife buys mainly spaghetti and noodles, potatoes and a few fresh vegetables as the main family diet.

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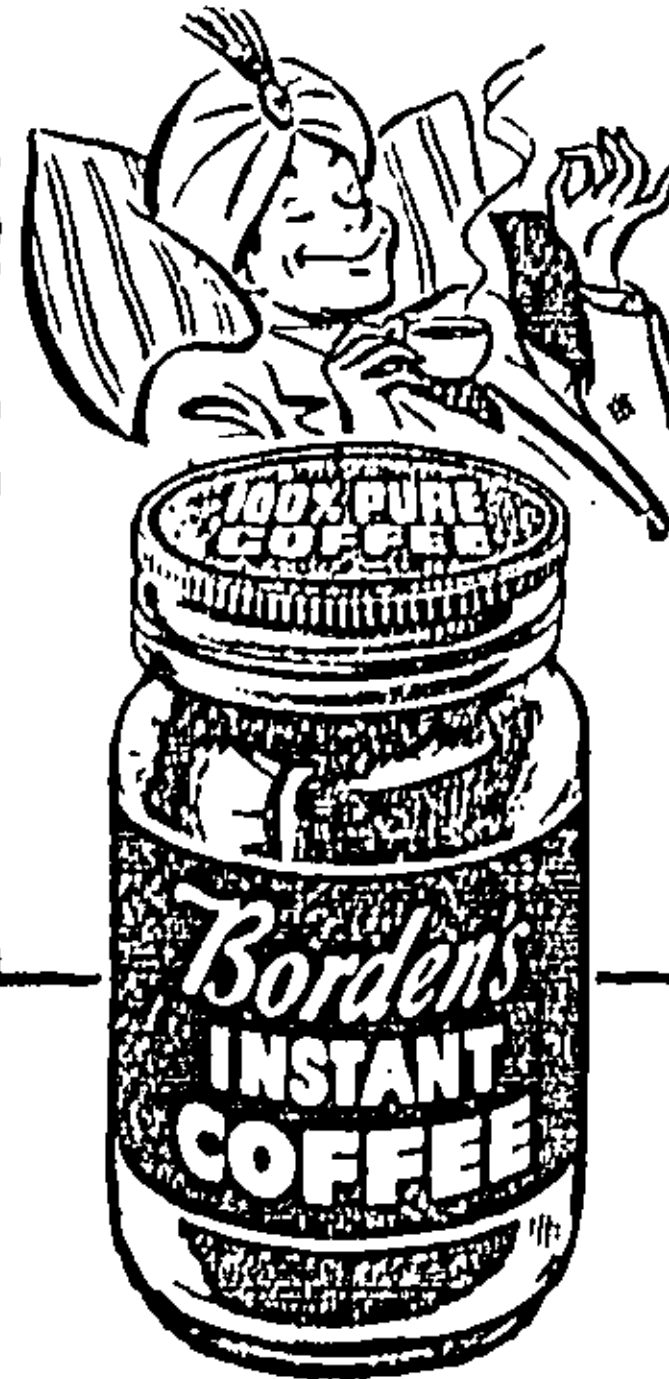
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The World's Storehouse

There were loud warning cries from the stevedores, accompanied by a frantic waving of arms, and I jumped back just in time. A special sling, holding 12 solid, frozen carcasses of beef whisked down from the heavens into the shadow of the ship towering above the quay.

I recovered only to leap forward to avoid an electric trolley speeding back for another load. It is the bewildering in the London Docks. There is so much activity so much industry and bustle, so much to see and so much to avoid. And all the time one is overawed by the vastness, the speed, the mechanisation, the skill of the dockers and stevedores, and the experience of the clerks and officers who have built their life among the commodities of the world.

Here I stood at the north quay of the Royal Victoria Dock, one of the three which comprise the Royal Group. Of the five groups of docks administered by the Port of London Authority, an independent Public Body, the Royal Group is the largest. It covers a land area of 1,102 acres and a water area of 1,102 acres. It includes over 10 miles of deep water quays and can accommodate as many as 50 ships, representing over half a million gross register tonnage.

Yet this is only a fraction of the dock area which provides, as a service to shippers, more than 500 acres of warehouse and shed floor space alone, and expert staff and the most modern facilities for handling every primary and secondary product which the world can produce.

I stood on the end of the new quay at the Royal Victoria Dock. It is one of the most ambitious schemes of re-development in the Port of London, and has only recently been completed. At the berth, specially constructed for discharging refrigerated meat, I watched the ships' gear draping the carcasses of frozen meat, a trolly, and no sooner had the sling been emptied than the trolly, whisked away. These are battery driven, re-charged each night at the PLA's own battery stations situated in the docks.

Don't Travel Far

They did not travel far, for the quay is connected to the carcases are out of cold storage to the absolute minimum. It is built on the principle of railway platforms. At one side, less than a dozen yards from the ship, more than 100 motor trucks are backed up to the quay, with scarcely an inch between them. The carcasses are loaded and the vans drive off to depots throughout London and the Home Counties.

At the other side of the quay are the railway sidings. Twelve insulated rail vans were drawn up at the platforms. As these were loaded, one of the PLA's own railway engines shunted them across the docks' railway system to the Exchange sidings, where all rail traffic is handed over to British Railways and taken direct to the Midlands and other destinations.

Running under the roof of the quay at the meat berth is an elaborate overhead rail system which is used in normal times for sorting and grading carcasses of chilled meat. The stevedores hang the carcasses on the hooks, and these are transported to various parts of the quay according to the quality and grade of the carcasses.

At the present time, however, when all meat is imported by the Ministry of Food, there is no quality grading, and the PLA meat officers, who are experts in the trade, have no sorting duties to carry out. A tally of the carcasses unloaded, and an inspection to see that they are in good condition, is the current procedure.

Not all frozen meat leaves the docks immediately, however; for the Port of London Authority provides shippers with cold storage facilities in the docks themselves.

To The Cold Stores

Meat which is to be stored on the premises until required is moved from the quay to the cold stores in insulated rail vans. The Port of London cold stores, situated in the Royal Group of Docks, consist of three blocks. In them 6 million cubic feet of space is maintained at a temperature of 10 degrees by a most up-to-date refrigerating plant. During the war, when the Port of London suffered more damage than all the other ports of Britain combined, it was a constant fear that one day the refrigerating machinery might be hit by bombs or rockets.

If it had been, the havoc, and devastation would have been tremendous. The dock workers, who carried out their duties in

By A Special Correspondent

spite of everything which the enemy did to prevent them, always had to face this added danger.

Nearly 28,000 tons of meat, bacon, tinned eggs, dairy produce, rabbits and poultry are accommodated in the cold stores; and among the rarer items which can be seen in the bays are turtles which will eventually become turtle soup.

The stores are entered by means of lifts, which ascend on the outside of the buildings to the top floor, where the carcasses pass through a temperature trap, a large chamber with insulated doors, to the inside of the building.

Here lifts take the produce down to any floor inside the cold chamber, and each floor is a veritable labyrinth of bays and shelves. All the floors are built on a lath principle so that the cold air can be constantly circulated throughout the entire building. The staff know exactly where each shipment is stored because of the elaborate system of checking which is used.

In pre-war days, when meat was imported by private traders, any particular carcass could be brought from the cold stores at the request of the importer.

The men who are responsible for the efficiency of the stores are the engineers who tend to the refrigeration plant, ensuring that the system which maintains a constant circulation throughout the entire stores. The most important job is that of inspecting the valves throughout the system, for it is by the adjustment of these that the required temperature is maintained.

Further east from the meat berth in the Royal Victoria Dock is a new quay three quarters of a mile long. On it have been built five reinforced brick and concrete warehouses, each of three stories, 500 feet long, 150 feet wide, and equipped with modern cranes, lifts and other facilities.

A new feature of this quay is the wide concrete balcony which runs the whole length of the three warehouses at second floor level on the dock side. This enables ships to discharge cargoes for warehousing direct onto the balcony. Electric trucks, which have been lifted up by some of the quay's mobile cranes, run the cargoes into the warehouses for storing until required.

Meanwhile, cargoes which have to be cleared are unloaded direct to the quay, and the ground floors of all three warehouses are used for transit purposes.

These three modern warehouses alone have accommodation for 50,000 tons of goods, and the top floors are at present used for tobacco.

Tobacco Trade

The tobacco trade of the Port of London is one of the many absorbing aspects of this vast port which never ceases to surprise and bewilder. Tobacco comes steadily into the London Docks from every tobacco producing country of the world, America, Africa, the Orient, the Balkans.

Because of the high customs duty in Britain, £2.18.2½ sterling per pound weight, it is financially impossible for importers to draw entire shipments from bond at once when the duty on a single shipment might amount to over £1,000,000 sterling. The Port of London warehouse an average of £300 million worth of tobacco in bond, and provides a highly specialised staff who carry out innumerable operations on behalf of the importers at the port, operations which, in fact, can be done nowhere else, all under customs supervision.

An independent body they safeguard the interests of the overseas exporters and the British importer, and HM Customs, and it will be appreciated that with such a valuable commodity

extreme care and accuracy is essential throughout. In the bonded warehouses of the Royal Docks there is some tobacco valued at £3 per pound in weight exclusive of duty; its duty-paid value is just on £0 per pound weight.

But the tobacco staff of the Port of London have the highest reputation in the trade, a reputation built up on vast experience and knowledge, impartiality, and extreme care. They are trusted; their word, their recommendations and their decisions are accepted by the trade. The samples drawn by the PLA experts are accepted as representative of the package and are the medium through which the tobacco leaf is bought and sold.

The tobacco is unloaded onto the quay in hogheads, casks, or bales, according to the country of origin or the method of packing preferred by the exporters, and is taken, in bond, to the customs floor of the warehouse. Sitting in a glass-fronted box in front of a large scale is a customs officer and PLA clerk.

Each hoghead or cask is brought in, coopers remove the top and empty the entire contents onto the scales. It is weighed, and this is the weight against which the customs officer and PLA clerk and put on one side for despatch to the importer in bond as a representative sample of that particular hoghead.

The sorting foreman examines the tobacco with an expert eye to see if it is in good condition. If it is damaged the hoghead is "garbled".

This is done in front of the customs officer, and necessitates the removal from the bale of all damaged tobacco. It is a specialised operation, and it is carried out by the PLA staff, who then re-weigh the tobacco, and the new weight is recorded for customs purposes.

Garbling can only be carried out in the dock warehouse by the Port of London Authority staff. An importer cannot claim for damaged tobacco which has not been certified as damaged by the sorting foreman at the time of delivery and weighing. Thus the exporter across the seas is protected from claims which might arise from the whole trade.

When the tobacco is certified as sound, or garbled as the case may be, the cooper replaces the hoghead or cask and makes it last.

All these operations are specialised, and it is no easy task to empty a case of lightly packed tobacco, weigh it, remove samples, examine it, and return it to the case without losing even an ounce. Yet the coopers remove and replace the cases in a matter of seconds.

Stored Till Needed

The hogheads and cases are then transported to the bonded warehouses, and stored till required. When a hoghead is moved the ganger records its serial number, and the particular warehouse and gangway where it is lying. A copy of these records are maintained by the customs officers.

There are many tobacco warehouses in the Port of London. They have to be cool, ventilated, an even temperature, and avoid condensation. Wooden floors and heavy wooden beams are ideal for they absorb moisture, and members of the trade have an affection for the London warehouses.

THE SERETSE AFFAIR

By Basuto Joe African "Boy,"
As Told To Noel Monks

If I were a Bamangwato instead of a Basuto, Boss, I'd be a mighty puzzled man over this Seretse Affair.

In June the tribe accepted Seretse as Chief and Ruth as Queen. Yet for the past two weeks a Commission of three white men has been sitting here in Serowe to decide whether Seretse will be Chief after all.

Bamangwatos I have moved among cannot understand it. They are suspicious of the whole thing. At night in their stifling, tiny mud huts I have talked with men (Beechuana and Basuto are like Dutch and German) who have spent days listening to what was

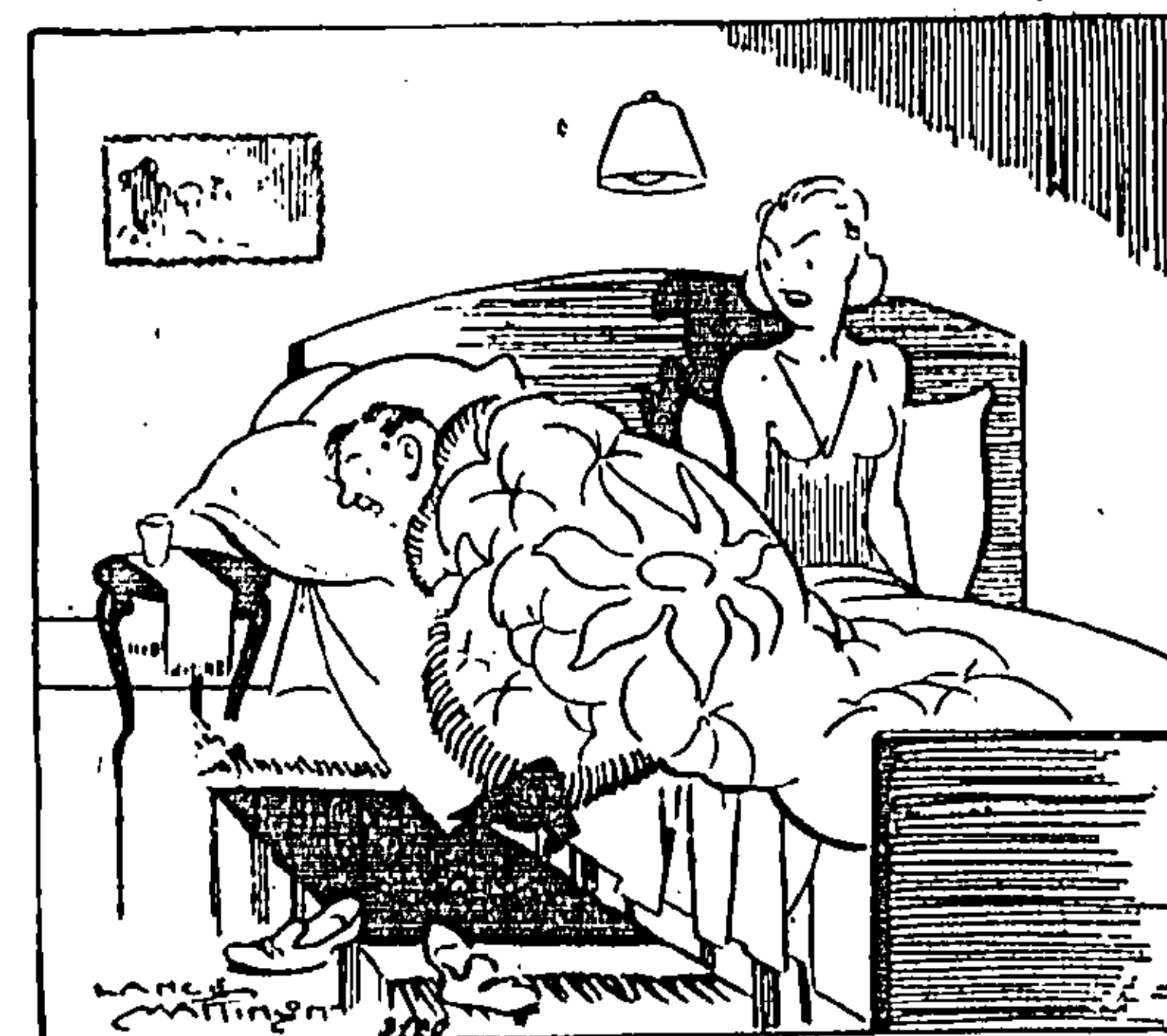
But the Bamangwatos see nothing wrong about it. They are proud of their Chief and his white Queen.

Called Me 'Chief'

Several times I have been embarrassed because I am told, I look like Seretse, and men and women of Bamangwato have bowed to me. [Basuto Joe could easily double for Seretse—Noel Monks.]

One European woman even called me "Chief," thinking I was Seretse.

Moving around among the tribe, I found that the Bamangwato women are looking to Ruth to get them a New Deal in life.



"Great idea of yours giving me that elderdown for my birthday!"

being said in the marquee, and now it is all over they are wondering what it was all about.

"Seretse is our Chief and Ruth is our Queen. Let the order be given for ploughing," is what these men are saying.

It is 12 years since I left my tribal kraal to be "civilised" in the Union, but I know a tribe can't start ploughing until the Chief gives the word. And here are the Bamangwatos technically Chiefless at the moment when there is lots and lots of ploughing to be done, now that the rains have come at last.

Much To Explain

I have had much explaining to do about Dr. Malan banning Seretse and Ruth from the Union, a point that seemed to worry the Commission, and has not been easy.

An African has to live in the Union to understand that. About the only colour bar these men know is that they are not invited to the Residency for dinner.

They have seen their Chiefs shake hands with the white King and Queen on their behalf, and they mix freely with Europeans in their daily lives. There is no apartheid here.

Some of the Bamangwatos I spoke with still think Ruth is one of the British Royal Family. I have told them I didn't think that could be possible, but they have not believed me.

Many of them wanted to know if African married white girls in the Union. I had to laugh at that.

I have seen Ruth several times. I have said "Pula, Chief" (the Bamangwato greeting meaning "Plenty of rain to you") to Seretse. For the first time in my life I have seen an African and white woman walking arm-in-arm.

It seemed all wrong to me, Boss—like that time up in Nyasaland, when I saw an African carrying a gun.

Ruth has already promised this to some of the women.

The last time we were up here, Boss, I was Chief Tshetedi's guest. Remember? He put me up in one of the "royal" bungalows with one of his administration men. This time I haven't heard a good word said for Tshetedi.

I don't believe he has a single friend among the 30,000 Africans here. Everyone is for Seretse and Ruth.

Looking To Ruth

These people are more simple than my people and they are certainly far more tribalised than the Basutos; but even here the old laws and customs are breaking down.

Seretse and Ruth have a big responsibility. The tribes are expecting great things of them. I am told that practically every witness at the inquiry was asked about the duties of a Chief's wife. All the Bamangwatos I spoke with said it did not matter what her duties were, there were plenty of women who would help Ruth.

To me, a Union native, the whole thing seems impossible. But the Bamangwatos do not think so, and, after all, they are the people directly concerned. They are hurt that their Chief's personal affairs had to be dragged through a public court.

They are getting used to the sight of their Chief with the company of a white woman, though many thought it strange at first. Some even believe that the British Government, arranged the marriage when Seretse was in London, and that makes them wonder all the more why there has been an inquiry into it.

Anyhow, the inquiry is over now, and all the Bamangwatos can do is to wait until January for the decision.

In the meantime, there is no one to give the order for ploughing to begin, and that is a serious thing.



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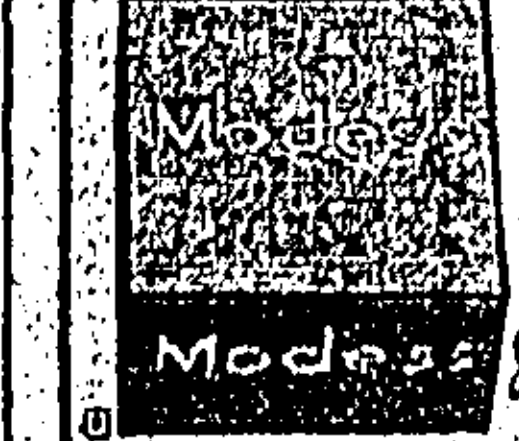
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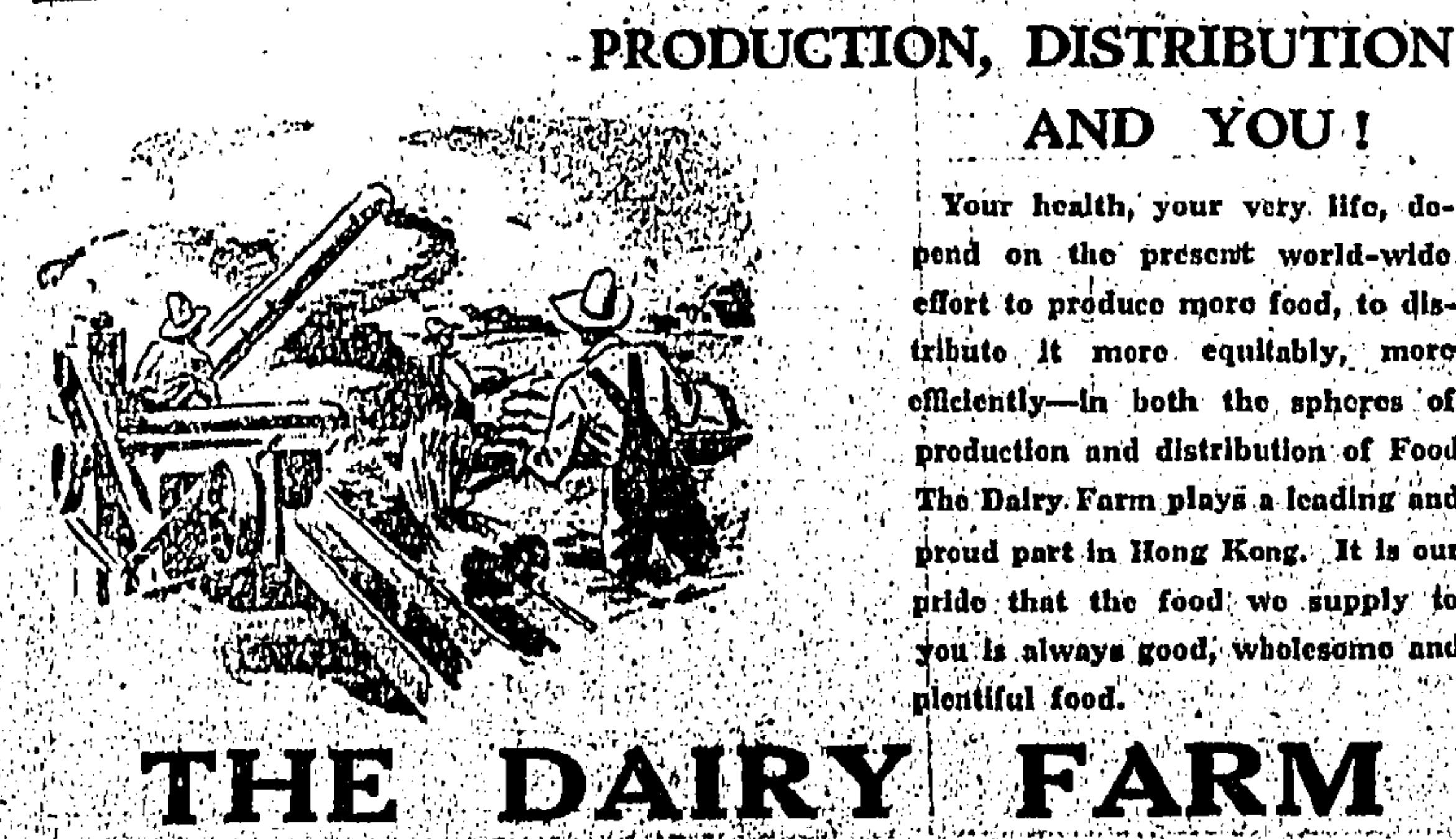


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Between Ourselves

Importance Of "Bits And Pieces"

By Janet Martin

Accessories keynote the mode. So important have they become that the smart woman will build a complete ensemble around a special piece of costume jewellery, a priceless lace collar, or a unique handbag.

Even fashion is incomplete without the joint creation of accessory vogues. The great houses of Paris have their "boutiques" the little shop-within-a-shop, devoted to those fascinating final details.

For your guidance in what to wear and how to wear it, here are some current trends and fashion notes from the accessory department.

Pearls again and again, worn with a thousand new twists and never more popular. Every length, from the choker to the waist-length string, casually knotted. Any number of rows from one to five or more.

Chokers for the slender neck. One row with the simple, high necked frock; two with light woollens; three with afternoon frocks; four or more with the sophisticated outfit, be it cocktail gown, suit or evening dress.

Long links are looped or knotted, tucked into the décolletage, fastened to the side with an antique brooch. It's very smart to leave the ends loose, attaching motifs or tassels. The ends can be tied over at front or back, very becoming with a bare-top evening frock.

Low necklines make charming frames for cascade or ladder effects, and a single link of mid-length is becoming very popular.

Circlets Of Gold

Circlets of gold, framed with a ring of pearls are used for brooches and earrings to wear with your pearls.

Plain gilt costume jewellery, designed in lovely curves and scrolls, is enjoying a special popularity, made in matching sets, to be worn one at a time or occasionally all together.

Then there are the bead necklets, unusual plastics, pewter, polished quartz, polished wood and grandmother's jet.

Shoes and bags draw a sharp line between styles for daytime and styles for playtime. Bags for day wear are more capacious, bags for late-day and evening smaller than ever, dainty trifles of silk or fine leather, sludded with gilt or beaded in bright colours.

Shoes for day wear, whether with low heels or four inch spindles, have a clean-cut, classic line, while for dusk and later - you can indulge your fancy in the most airy fantasies.

Chic Umbrella

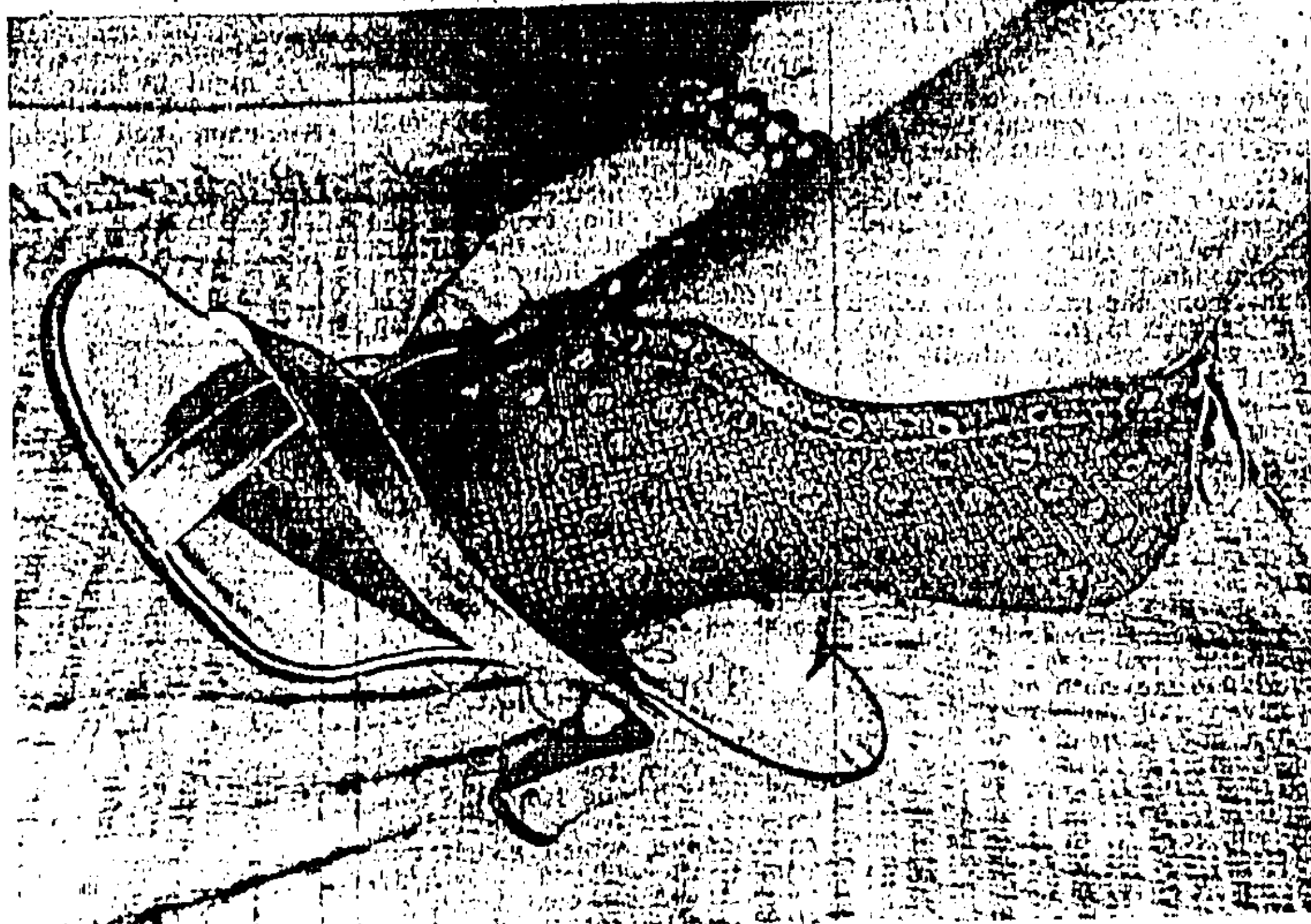
Overly chic indeed is the walking length umbrella, incredibly thin and tightly-rolled, perfect with your slimskirted costume and small, close-fitting hat.

Chic too is the narrow fur necklet, ocelot or ermine, mounted on a velvet band, fastened with an old paste brooch or antique buckle, with matching bracelet. This idea was shown in Paris accompanied by a stole of black broadcloth, with ermine tail fringes, and a matching evening gown.

News of gloves is the shoulder length evening glove, coming to a point well above the elbow, and worn with the new, lightly swathed evening gown.

Worn by themselves, with no other jewellery to detract from their majesty, are the fabulous pendant earrings, almost shoulder-length, in brilliant and onyxes, in formal evening wear.

Stockings Are Shoes



This convertible evening shoe by Italian designer Edoardo Fratagiani is actually formed by two shoes. The first is called the "stocking" and is of green brocade with multi-coloured stones at the crest of the ankle. They can be worn alone for cocktails, but the addition of a golden sandal makes the model correct for evening wear.—AP Photo.

HEADLINES

By CAROLYN EARLE

Shorter hairdos need more frequent pinning up at night, and more brush-ups during the day, but to compensate for that there is less bulk to pin and to dry when you wash it.

A little more spent on a first-class short cut is money far better spent than if it was expended on frequent setting, because the shorter cut allows for quite a bit of home setting and rearranging.

It is important, though, that the hair is kept well-trimmed.

But if you are particularly attached to a specially lovely mop of hair, don't crop it too short as a sop to fashion. Go in for one of the half-and-half styles that will retain its glamour as well as giving you a contemporary head.

First of all, look for a good parting; the right one will emphasise a good feature, camouflage one not so desirable.

The real quality of the hair itself depends on its health, and that, in turn, reflects good care.

So let us run through some of the work-a-day methods used for glamour locks.

Using Tonics

Frail, brittle hair may be nourished with tonics and unguents; almost all hair benefits from a good oiling the night before washing. Washing should be done with a good shampoo, not a cake soap rubbed straight on to the strands.

Shampoos, whether done at home or at a salon, are spaced according to how often hair needs washing; in cool weather usually seven to 10 days; interval is allowable.

It may be necessary to wash the hair more frequently in the summer time to keep it sweet-smelling and fine-textured. The owner is the best judge of the right time to allow between launderings.

Opportunities for drying in the fresh air and sunshine in warm weather should be eagerly grasped, for the sun's rays can do much to put hair in better condition and add extra shine.

Where colour rinses are used, avoid them temporarily if the hair has a dull, lank look. Instead, try occasional camomile or tea rinses, or ask your hairdresser for suggestions.

A heavy hand with the lacquer can be another means of destroying hair colour and shine. Using it sparingly, and not every day, vigorous brushings are still essential in the daily routine.

Healthy Scalp

Vital hair springs from a scalp made healthy by active circulation, so, and the perfect means of speeding up the blood flow is by massage.

So a few minutes are given each night to working the fingertips up from the base of the neck to the crown and sides of the head.

The scalp should move easily under the fingertips; if it feels tight, then it wants more massage to make it flexible.

Brushing the hair daily is a handy rule even grandmothers followed; then it was brush your hair with a hundred strokes, but did you ever know anyone who did it?

Do not, but beginning with half the number and building up to a hundred each day is actually a short cut to a nice, healthy and well-groomed look.

Don't brush flat on top of the head; make a point of getting underneath and lifting each strand as you brush, and every now and again wipe the brush off on a towel. This is a handy way to check on whether you need a shampoo.

RECIPES

Apple Cider Salad

1½ tbsps. gelatine
1/3 cup cold water
½ cup sugar
2 cups apple cider or clear apple juice
½ cup sliced blanched almonds
4 cups red apples (about 3 apples)
Salad greens
Real mayonnaise

Let the gelatine soak in cold water, then dissolve in one cup of hot cider. Cool with remainder of cider and add lemon juice and salt. Let mixture cool until it just begins to thicken.

Coarsely shred unpeeled apples directly into mixture and fold in at once. Add nuts and turn into ring mold which has been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm. Unmould on salad greens and serve with real mayonnaise. As an appetite pick-up this could serve eight.

Since the sight of food should also be tantalising, get some of your variety in colour. This comes in a white salad made with cottage cheese. Let's call it:

Snow Salad

1 tbsps. gelatine, plain and unflavoured
¼ cup canned pineapple juice
2½ cups cottage cheese
¼ cup cherries
¼ cup white grapes
1 tbsps. lemon juice
Mixed salad greens
French salad dressing

Let gelatine soften in fruit juices, then dissolve over hot water. Stir into cottage cheese mixed with fruit and pour into mould. Unmould and serve with French salad dressing.

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Between Ourselves

THREE WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS

By CLAUDIA

Only three short weeks to Christmas and the gay round of parties, festivities and celebrations. Are you going to look your very best in spite of late nights and Christmas fare? A new perm and a brace of new party frocks are very good—but not quite good enough. It's you who has to look on top of the world.

Christmas time is always a strain on the complexion. Even the most abstemious find themselves indulging in richer fare, more "hard" drinks and later hours than usual. And you must start off in the best of form if you mean to stay the course without developing the baggage look.

First, it is a good plan to make sure that your face and neck will not reveal untidy traces of the summer's faded autumn. Bleach, arms and shoulders must be scrubbed every day with warm water, soap, and a soft nailbrush. This is where the back brush is a useful tool, keeping the dry flakes of old skin, making way for the new.

Similarly, use a coarse face cloth for the face and neck, then sponge with a five per cent solution of peroxide of hydrogen. Peroxide is a splendid bleach, but as soon as it begins to smart, it must be rinsed off with warm water. For fine sensitive skin, the five per cent solution should be diluted with equal parts of water.

Bleaching Creams

Bleaching creams are useful too, especially for a discoloured neck. They can be left on all night, used alternately with your skin cream.

This freckling and clearing of the skin is of the first importance for evening, low-necked, or bare, strapless evening gowns. In conjunction with the bleaching process, be sure to use your skin cream every day. Leave it on for at least a quarter of an hour to seal in the skin and keep it soft and supple.

Then buy yourself an advance Christmas present of a reliable

face masqua and use it once a week right through the holiday season.

For clearing the skin, drawing out the acidity, the muddiness of spots, a masqua containing yeast is excellent—and inexpensive.

For bleaching a discoloured skin there are special bleaching masques, which are most helpful if used in conjunction with the treatment I have already outlined.

A Real Tonic

Most useful of all at this time, however, is the refreshing cream masqua to be used just before you go out to a party. The cream masqua takes only 20 minutes to apply and can be left on while you are having your bath or getting things ready. It is a real tonic, leaving the skin sparklingly fresh and alive.

An egg masqua is a first rate home-made recipe. Just take the white of an egg and paint three coats on to your face, allowing each layer a minute to dry before applying the next. Leave on for 10 minutes, then wash off gently with warm water and a little soap.

Cleanse—lubricate—refresh—and relax! For beauty's sake, do have an occasional early night. And when you can't, find a few minutes each day to relax—readily relax, lying flat and limp, thinking of nothing.

And lastly, beauty from within. In other words, the mending dose of salt. Even if the morning draught is not on your regular schedule, add it on for the Christmas season with all the punch and rich fare. You will feel better for it and your skin will stay fresh and clear.

Ann Temple Ability To Judge

I occupy an administrative post and come in daily contact with many different types and classes of people. It seems to me that to conduct a successful interview one needs an ability to judge other people's characters quickly and accurately.

I am conscious of the lack of this quality in myself and should be glad to know how to develop it.

Look for the cause and correct accordingly. It could be the result of no observation or of preoccupation that prevents the instinctive impression—indeed, any one of half a dozen causes.

It is important to notice your first impression. You are bound to get one, but it is so easy to miss it if you are out to make mental notes.

To gauge mental abilities and type of personality you should study hands, shape of the head, walk, speech, deportment, dress, etc.

You could learn certain indications from books on these subjects, but your best plan is to reverse the process and start from the known.

Think of half a dozen people you know really well and make a comparative study of their hands to begin with. You know their abilities and type already—observe the size, shape of hands that go with these abilities. Proceed one at a time in the same way with all the other external indications.

A thorough and comprehensive study with your own charts and diagrams, analyses and conclusions you will find most rewarding. Very fascinating too.

I keep going back to see if I have shut doors, windows, put out lights and fire. I even go back to see if I have seen the right price of things in shop windows—as if it matters, I must have lost all my self-confidence.—ASHBURNED.

Not at all! You're probably over-tired, over-worked, and over-anxious, and your nerves are telling you so by playing this trick on you.

But you can really get yourself into better condition by calling your nerves bluff as it were. "I know I put that fire out—so if the whole place goes up in flames I can't do anything about it. You'll give in the first few times, but by the fourth or the fifth you'll be winning."

When you are tired you just must have gentle exercise to start you back to vigour again.

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Popularity Problems Of Children

All his life the child wants urgently to be loved, liked and admired. At first it is enough for him if he can feel absolutely certain of his mother's love. A little later, the father also becomes important to him, then the other members of the family.

By the time he goes to school his horizons have widened so that he wants and needs to be accepted by the children of his own age that he mixes with.

This need for acceptance by the group becomes stronger and stronger as the child grows towards adolescence, and reaches a peak between the age of 10 and 12 years when the formation of closely-knit, well-organised "gang" groups, societies and so on, are a feature of the child's life.

Not every child in these groups can be a leader and every child receives a varying degree of liking, admiration and respect from the other members. This is inevitable and does not matter so much to the child as long as he is accepted by some group and given a place in some organisation of children about his own age.

Whether the child is actively popular or not with a lot of children does not always matter. Some children can be perfectly happy with just one or two good friends and a sort of casual "friendly" relationship with the other members of his class at school. Definite unpopularity, however, together with a complete lack of close friends, is always a source of present unhappiness and a sign of danger ahead.

Extremes Shyness

Among the personality traits and conditions that produce a child who is unpopular with his contemporaries is extreme shyness—the sort of shyness that makes the child appear sulky and stand-offish to other children. Also there are feelings of insecurity and insufficiency which the child covers up by excessive bragging and boasting or by a "know-all" attitude which other children find very hard to take.

Environment conditions also frequently produce varying degrees of unpopularity. The child whose parents are always moving, who never has a settled home and is always changing schools, has little chance to develop firm friendships, or form a niche for himself in a group of children.

In some homes there are various conditions which make the child unable or unwilling to entertain his friends there, and it is hard for a child to make and keep friends if he cannot invite them home. These conditions include extreme poverty, drunkenness, or some outstanding peculiarity such as insanity, in another member of the household.

Parents who are over-critical of their children's friends or who are unsympathetic or even hostile about other children coming into the house are putting grave difficulties in the way of their own children's popularity.

Reactions To Unpopularity

The child who for any one of these reasons finds himself unpopular, tends to do, broadly speaking, one of two things. Either he submits to his fate and makes no attempt to be popular or else he makes a desperate and usually quite unsuccessful last bid for popularity.

The first type of child, who is usually a shy child to start with, becomes shyer, withdraws more and more into himself and builds up a fantasy world into which he retreats. Carried to extremes this sort of behaviour leads eventually to "nervous breakdown."

He may, on the other hand, on giving up the struggle where the children are concerned, in-

crease his unpopularity by trying to ingratiate himself with the teachers, and so becomes that most abhorrent of all creatures—the "teacher's pet."

The child who makes a bid for popularity, often starts out by increasing his bragging and boasting. When he finds that this has anything but the desired effect, he will often try to "buy" friends by paying up all his pocket money to about a chosen few to drink and ice-creams and so make a good fellow of himself.

Unfortunately, usually his weekly allowance soon becomes inadequate, and so he resorts to all sorts of tricks, many of them dishonest, in order to procure a few more dollars to squander on this false popularity. Delinquency can, and very often does, begin in this way.

It would seem then, that a certain degree of popularity is absolutely essential to every child. Deprived of it, entirely, children tend to move towards one of the two great pitfalls of adolescence—a "nervous breakdown" or delinquency.

Fashion Demands You Pass The 'Velvet Test'

By ALMA ARCHER

The "Velvet Test" Doesn't that sound like something from the land of magic carpets? Doesn't your mind flash to jewel colours and lush, fantastic materials at the mention of a velvet test?

We live today in a world of fashion. Fashion controls everything from the gorgeous automobile on the road to the filmy negligee.

So, out of a giddy trend in extravagance comes an even greater demand for beautiful women than history ever has known. But they must be lush-textured women of culture and charm and loveliness... with complexions of the velvet touch. More delicate and perfect than pioneer ladies.

To gain the skin of beauty, try the velvet test. If your skin only comes up to the canvas mark, you won't pass. Fashion calls for velvet. The complexion must look well against it. Pick up your mirror and examine carefully the quality of your skin and the array of tiny lines etched around your eyes by the Summer sun.

Feel your skin, too. Perhaps it is rough and dry. Your summer's tan soon fades to an unpleasant yellow with leathery look—very unpretty with suave black and warm, jewel tones. Being fascinated with new clothes is one thing, but looking well in them is another.

Several all-purpose creams are on the market which will help soften your skin, protect it, and help develop its velvet quality. All drug and department stores carry these fine products, most reasonably priced. Spread it generously over neck, shoulders and arms, with thick coat over throat and face, and plenty around the eyes. Then leave it off and go to bed. All-purpose creams should help you achieve the one purpose of every woman—loveliness! Self-acting creams help gain the velvet touch.

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London, December 2.

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loy, and the Burmese Foreign Minister, U.E.
Maung, made final plans here today for a
commercial treaty between Britain and Bur-
ma.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, accompanied by
U. Ohn, Burmese Ambassador to Britain, also
had a personal talk with the Prime Minister,
Mr. Clement Attlee, at No. 10 Downing
Street.

STERLING BALANCES WARNING

London, December 2.

The weekly review "Economist" said today that there are
many reasons why Britain
should hesitate in seeking any
spectacular solution to the
sterling balances.

After analysing at length the
nature of the blocked balances
and the problems their release
have created for British econ-
omy, the "Economist" said that the
first of these reasons is that any
spectacular solution would have
to be generalised.

"This would be necessary to
avoid the appearance of unfair
discrimination between the var-
ious creditors."

"Secondly, any solution that
would involve the definite fund-
ing of a large part of these debts
would probably entail the pay-
ment by Britain of an apprais-
ably higher rate of interest than
the half per cent per annum
which is now being paid on the
bulk of the balances."

A third reason for not
seeking a spectacular
generalised solution is that the
rigid releases, whether in ster-
ling or in the form of hard cur-
rency allocations, which must go
with any funding agreement,
might have some drawbacks.
They would commit Britain to
specific, defined obligations, and
thus sacrifice the elasticity of the
present arrangements. Reuter.

Japanese Imports

Tokyo, December 2

Japan's imports during the
1949 trade year from July 1
this year to June 30 next year
will total \$917,800,000, accord-
ing to a decision reached by the
International Trade and
Industry Ministry.

The figure, set about lines sug-
gested by Mr. William Logan,
director general of the Joint Ex-
port-Import Agency for Western
Germany during his recent survey
trip in Japan, will mean an in-
crease of about \$80,000,000 over
the Japanese Government's origi-
nal import target of \$837,800,000.

Fifty-six per cent of the total
will come from dollar areas as
contrasted to 70 per cent in the
current year.

Next year's plan calls for
20 per cent of the total from ster-
ling areas and the remainder from
Latin America and other nations.

The Japanese Government is
ready to put imports in private
hands beginning January 1. Ex-
port-trade has been put in private
hands as of December 1. United
Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, December 2.

The Treasury offer to convert
£760,252,816 worth of Treasury
bonds into an issue paying higher
interest caused hardly a ripple on
the London Stock Exchange to-
day. Japanese Government bonds
of the 1910 issue were up ¼ at
20-¾, but the 1907 series drop-
ped ¼ to close at 36-¾.

Small gains were general
among industrial stocks. Gold
mining shares were mixed.

The Treasury bond conversion
offer said that holders of the
Treasury 1-¾ per cent issue, due
for payment next February, will
be offered a new 2-¾ per cent
bond redeemable on February 15,
1955. The announcement result-
ed in a fractional decline of some
Government bonds maturing soon.
Financial Times index 104.2.
Associated Press.

Sofia, December 2.
A trade and payments agree-
ment signed here between Bul-
garia and Poland provides for a
considerable increase in trade
between the two countries next
year, the Bulgarian news agency
said today. Reuter.

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Surcharge On Freight Suspended

London, December 2.

The United Kingdom Con-
tinental Shipping lines have decided to suspend
the surcharge of 25 per cent
levied on freight to Bombay
because of delays caused by
traffic congestion in the port,
a European shipping confer-
ence spokesman said today.

This will take effect upon
commencing to load at their
first port-on and after Mon-
day next, he added. Ships
now loading cargo will pay
the surcharge, and a circular
will be issued within the
next few days indicating the
first ship of each line to be
affected, he said.

The American lines—the
first to impose the surcharge
in October last year—decided
to suspend it for 90 days
from December 1. Reuter.

REVERSAL OF GOLD MOVEMENT

Washington, December 2.

Foreign buyers are still mak-
ing deals—very small ones in
comparison with the huge
stocks—in the United States
gold reserve.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board
reports a \$51,000,000 net drop in
Government gold holdings for
the week ended November 30.
It is the largest drop in weeks
containing a trend that set in
shortly after devaluation of the
British pound and other currencies
last September.

Up to that time the U.S. hold-
ings had been growing steadily
for 18 years, except for the war-
time interruption.

There still is no agreed ex-
planation of the reversal of gold
movement.

The \$51,000,000 drop in gold
holdings still left \$24,479,000,000
in the Government's vaults—up
\$214,000,000 from a year ago—
Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees For:

S.S. "BENARTY"
are hereby notified that their
cargo is being discharged into
the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co.'s god-
down, where it will be at Con-
signees' risk and subject to the
Wharf's terms and conditions
of storage, and where delivery
may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be
left in the Godowns for ex-
amination by Consignees and
the Company's surveyors.
Messrs. Camichael & Clarke,
at 10 a.m. on December 8, 1949.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
Consignees must have a Re-
venue Officer in attendance
when damaged dutiable goods
are examined.

No claims will be admitted,
after the goods have left the
steamer's godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered
after December 8, 1949, will
be subject to rent.

All claims against the steam-
er must be presented to the
undersigned on or before
December 22, 1949, or they
will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be
effected.

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Hong Kong, December 2, 1949.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 2.
The stock market rode the
crest of the biggest trading wave
of the year today. Prices, on
average, surged ahead to a 13-
month high. Key stocks advanc-
ed fractions to more than two
points. Transfers 2,020,000 shares
—the largest since November 10
last year.

Seventy hundred and fifty-six
stocks advanced and 171 declin-
ed. Ralls issues led the advance.
Ending of the coal strike was
given major credit for the buy-
ing wave.

Among the gainers were Santa
Fe, Union Pacific, Nickel Plate,
Rock Island, Warner Brothers,
Paramount Pictures, Loews,
Twentieth Century Fox, Douglas
Aircraft, Philco, Gulf Oil and
United Aircraft.

Stumblers included Woolworth
and Allied Chemical.
Dow Jones averages: Stocks
69.07; 20 Industrials 103.63; 15
Ralls 50.29; 10 Utilities 39.52.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22½
Alaska Junction ¾
American Can 100
American Smelting 50½
American Telephone 147½
American Tobacco 71
American Waterworks 7½
Anaconda Copper 28½
Aviation Corp. 5½
Baldwin Locomotive 10½
Barnsdall 52½
Bendix Aviation 30½
Bethlehem Steel 30½
Boring Aircraft 23½
Borden Co. 47½
Canadian Pacific 14½
J. I. Case 44½
Chrysler 60
Colgate 42½
Commercial Solvents 19
Corn Products 65½
Du Pont 80½
Eastman Kodak 46½
General Electric 40½
General Motors 67½
Goodyear 42
Homestake Mining 45½
International Harvester 27½
International Paper 67½
International Tel & Tel 8½
Johns Manville 42½
Kennecott Copper 50½
Montgomery Ward 34
National Distillers 22½
National Lead 87½
New York Central 10½
Packard Motors 3½
Pan American Airways 8½
Pennsylvania RR 14½
Radio Corp. 32½
Real Silk 11½
Remington Rand 11½
Republic Steel 23½
Reynolds Tobacco 38½
Schenley 31½
Sears Roebuck 42½
Shell Oil 40½
Socoy Vacuum 16½
Southern Pacific 48½
Standard Brands 20½
Standard Oil of Calif. 68
Standard Oil of N.J. 68½
Studebaker 24½
Union Bag 27½
Union Carbide 43
US Rubber 34
US Steel 25½
US Lines 13½
Westinghouse 28½
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 70½
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16½
Rail bonds advanced. Among
curb gainers were Electric Steel,
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ciated Press.

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"BENVRACKIE"	"	5th Jan.
"BENCLEUCH"	"	15th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENRUACHAN"	London, Antwerp,	17th Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	Rotterdam, Hamburg	30th Dec.
"BENCLEUCH"	& Hull.	30th Jan.
"BENARTY"	Liverpool, Glasgow,	20th Dec.
"BENVORLICH"	Dublin, Antwerp, Rot- terdam & Hamburg.	8th Jan.

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"HANYANG"	Tientsin, Bangkok, Pusan & Moji	5 p.m. 12th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Tientsin, Bangkok, Pusan & Moji	5 p.m. 12th Dec.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"SHENGRING"	Keelung, Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang & Batavia	5 p.m. 4th Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Tientsin, Bangkok, Pusan & Moji	0th/7th Dec.
"POYANG"	Tientsin, Bangkok, Pusan & Moji	0th/7th Dec.
"PRODUCE"	Tientsin, Bangkok, Pusan & Moji	0th/7th Dec.
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ARRIVALS FROM		
"ANTIOCHUS"	Gibraltar, Tangier, Casablanca, Havre & Liverpool	9th Dec.
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CRICKET
First Division
Cinnabar v. HKCO, "Scorpions", at Kowloon, 11 a.m.
Hazard Shield
Enlight v. Australia, 11 a.m.
Friendlies
O.G. White XI v. The 1950 A.C.P. XI, at Kowloon, 11 a.m.
President's XI v. Vice-President's XI, at HKCO, 11 a.m.
RAF 2nd XI v. Police, at Kai Tak, 11 a.m.
President's XI v. HKCO, at Kowloon, 11 a.m.

SOCCER
Governor's Cup
CNAAP v. TRFA, 3.30 p.m.
Terrell v. J.F. Enlight, 4.15 p.m.
Cinnabar v. HKCO, 4.15 p.m.
Second Division
Duckyard v. Prisoners, Navy, 3.30 p.m.
Navy v. P.C.A., Navy, 4 p.m.
New Vendor v. Yard Police, Navy, Happy Valley, 4 p.m.
South China v. University, St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.
Eastern v. Police, Boundary Street, 4 p.m.
RAF v. St. Joseph's, Kai Tak, 4 p.m.
HOOKEY
Nimrod v. Commodore, Kowloon, 10 a.m.
Imperial v. C.Y.B. Gater and Mr. Gater
Dutch v. Navy, King's Park, HKCO, 11 a.m.
University v. Prisoners, "A", Pokfulam, 10.30 a.m.
Chond Tait v. Army, Kowloon, 11.15 a.m.
HK Police v. Y.M.C.A. Boundary Street, 11.30 a.m.
KTC v. HKCO, King's Park, HKCO, 12.15 p.m.
Imperial v. C.Y.B. Gater and Mr. Gater, 1.15 p.m.
TENNIS
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Spartans blasted their way to a 10-run lead in the first frame on eight safeties to massacre Panda Cubs 21-4. White Fangs deserved their victory over St. Teresa, when it is considered that they had to contend with more experienced players. Josefa Timpa taking over the hurling assignment was in her usual fire-balling form by striking out 10, but issued seven free tickets to first base. Fortunately Josefa had the support of her fielders who executed two twin-killings, but Josefa's error on the slide for the losers had little effect on the field which committed no less than 17 errors, eight of which were bunched up in the sixth to hand the White Fangs four runs which broke up an all day for Josefa, a pitcher's choice, and a sacrifice produced three runs for the Fangs, while St. Teresa replied with one on an error and Gloria Silva's single to right.

Series At Errors
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UNIVERSITY TROUNCE "OPTIMISTS"

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The game at King's Park between Club de Recreo and RAF ended in a draw, after the Army had declared at 150 for seven.

Cricket Club, who were also visitors at King's Park as guests of the Royal Navy, were held to a draw by their hosts, who had scored 80 runs for nine when stumps were drawn, in reply to Crayke's total of 107 for nine declared.

In the Second Division, King George V School beat Dockyard by nine wickets. Against the deadly bowling of the Schoolboys, Dockyard could only muster 20 runs, a total which the Schoolboys easily passed when it came to their turn to bat.

The game between Hong Kong University and Indian Recreation Club at Pokfulam ended in a draw, the Undergraduates having scored 66 for eight when stumps were drawn, the IRC total being 79.

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RECREIO
L. G. Gosano b Gambrell 1
A. M. Prata b Tyrer 0
G. N. Gosano c Marshall b 30
Tyrer 30
E. L. Gosano c K. C. Ball b 1
M. D. A. Remedios c Gall b 1
P. M. N. Da Silva not out 18
F. M. L. Soares st Gall b 1
Gambrell 0
A. M. Rodrigues run out 0
N. A. Beltrao b Gambrell 0
H. L. Ozerio not out 16
Extras 17
Total (for 8 wickets) 117

Bowling Analysis
A. P. Pereira did not bat

Royal Navy—CCC
At King's Park yesterday, Royal Navy held Crayke's Cricket Club to a draw in their First Division League cricket match.

SECOND DIVISION HKU—IRC

The Second Division League cricket game between Hong Kong University and Indian Recreation Club at Pokfulam yesterday ended in a draw.

The Indians batted first and knocked up 79 runs, to which S. M. Dux contributed 17 and A. K. Markar 13 runs.

U. Amann was the most successful University bowler, taking six wickets for 26 runs.

In reply to this total, the Undergraduates had scored 55 for eight when stumps were drawn. H. T. Head was the highest scorer for University, hitting up 18 before being caught by Curreen off Motiwalla.

Motiwalla captured four wickets for 26 runs.

IRC
H. T. Head, b Amann 17
S. M. Dux, c Peters, b Amann 12
K. L. Alchund, b Ho 1
A. K. Markar, b Amann 13
M. R. Hassan, b Ho 10
Extras 10
Total 79

Bowling Analysis
U. Amann 11 3 20 6
E. Ho 9 5 25 4
G. Elliott 9 1 24 6

HKU
H. T. Head, b Motiwalla 18
G. Elliott, c K. Lalchand, b 10
E. Ho, b Motiwalla 10
D. L. Ho, b Motiwalla 7
F. C. Roy, b Ebrahim 7
H. Amann, not out 5
A. Low, run out 0
N. Peters, b Motiwalla 0
W. D. L. Ride, lbw Curreen 4
D. Yeow, not out 3
Extras 3
Total (for 8 wickets) 55

Bowling Analysis
G. Wagnier did not bat

Life In N. China Cities No Picnic, Arrivals Declare

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Watched At All Times
"We know we are being watched day and night by our very own servants, who, it is generally believed, are under instructions to report any anti-Communist activity or sentiment shown by us," the British said, on his arrival from Tientsin.

"I think if the Communists suspect that a foreigner has shown an anti-Communist or even insubordinate attitude, then he has no chance of getting out as he would have in obtaining an entry permit into Tientsin," he said.

It is the general opinion that the Communist system of identification for foreigners makes all of them feel like being in a concentration camp.

"It is practically impossible to do anything without having a pass, or without the Communists knowing it. So much so, that we isolate ourselves entirely from the Communists and will only approach them for permits when it is really necessary," they said.

"If a foreigner resident wants to remove his house from one section of the city to another, he has to procure permits for the removal, with lengthy explanation, for the movement of lorries conveying the household paraphernalia and for his own person," they disclosed.

"If one goes to a friend's house for an evening visit and stays overnight when it gets too late to return, the Police must be informed and the necessary explanation made."

"If this regulation is overlooked, there would be lots of trouble explaining to the political workers later," they added.

Civility Shown
The Communist officials treat the residents, including the foreigners, as persons whose diplomatic status they do not recognize, with considerable civility.

"There has been no violent demonstration so far," they said. "Communist friends are few. Generally they are former colonialists, who do as the Communists do when you are in Rome," they revealed.

"Relations with the Chinese population on the whole is very limited. We are not given the opportunity to mix frequently with the Chinese, many of whom are our old friends. Isolated thus, it is difficult for us to know how they are faring under the new regime," the informants said.

But the general consensus is that they seem to be stoical about the occupation and the enforcement of so many regulations, and appear to carry on with an indifferent attitude.

"It is quite easy to veterans like us to observe the underlying resentment against the sudden changes affecting the livelihood and even traditions of the ordinary man," an informant asserted.

"The labour class was of course the first to be happy about the whole thing. But with present-day labour troubles, which are increasing many of the unemployed seem to be undergoing a gradual change of heart," he declared.

Banks Lose Heavily
All banks in Tientsin including the only foreign bank, the British Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, are losing heavily.

Chinese business organizations are not making headway because of lack of imports and restricted shipping movements.

The only foreign business concern functioning in the British American Tobacco Company, which may close down in another month's time because of lack of tobacco leaves. The company's factory operates only to keep the labourers in employment," a British informant from Tientsin declared.

These foreign informants, interviewed ashore at various places, unanimously declared that they have one common opinion about the Communists whom they had the chance to meet in business or official connections.

"These new rulers may have their faults. But so far they have been very straight-forward and exceptionally honest in their dealings," they claimed.

They reiterated what earlier arrivals had said about the Communists refusing even to accept a cigarette or a cup of tea, offered with good intention.

Asked whether they had noticed any signs of graft and corruption among the lower ranks, they asserted that the Immigration, Customs and Police subordinates were as civil and aloof as their superiors.

The informants are of the opinion that it is very unlikely for any personnel of the Communist regime to be an offender.

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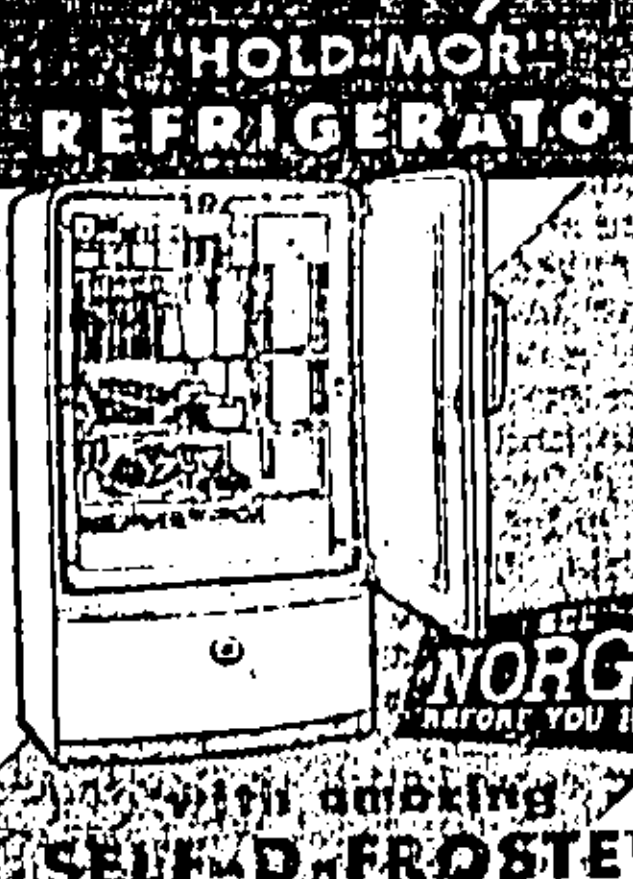
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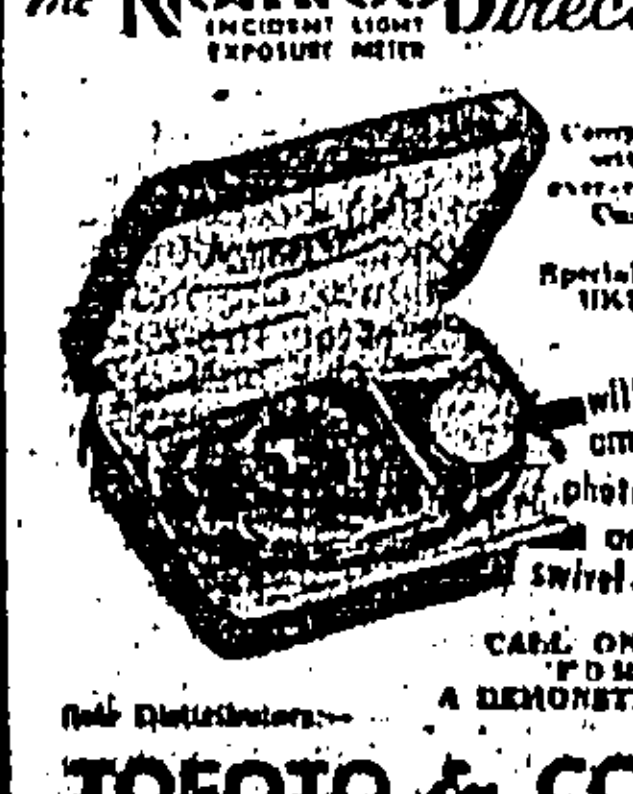
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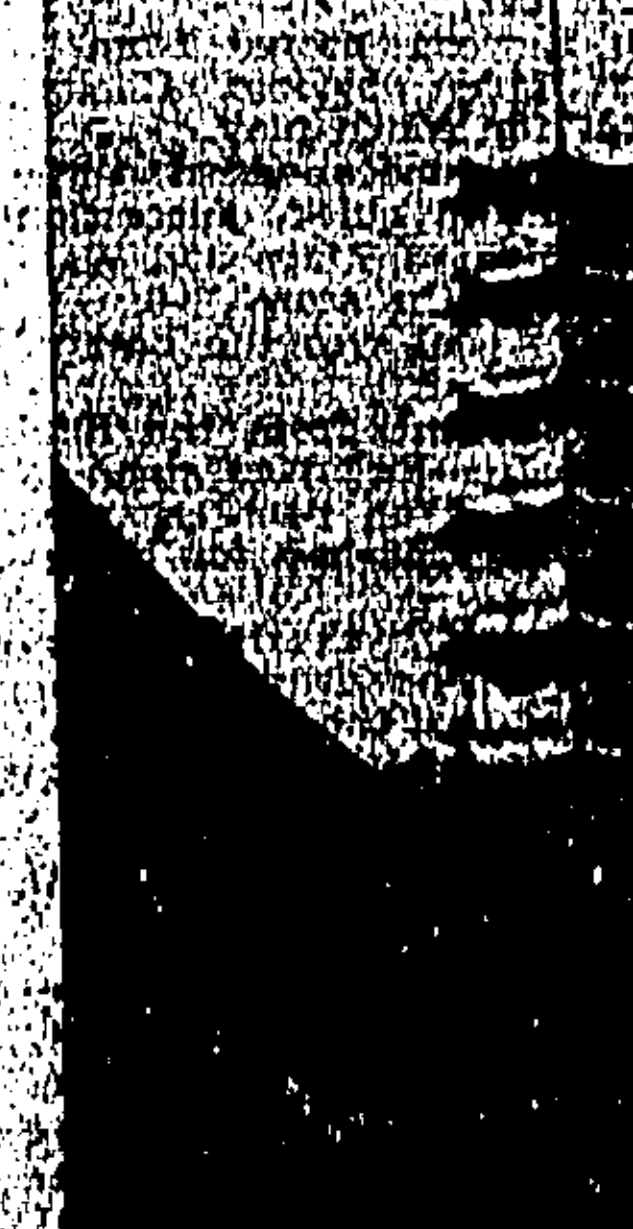
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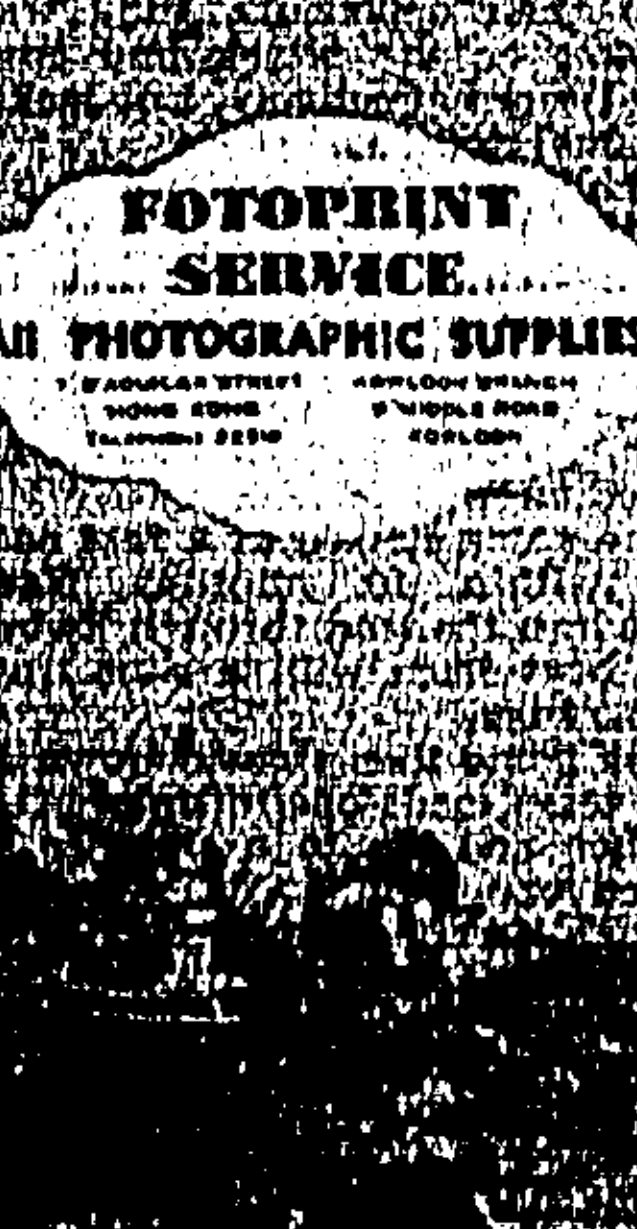
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